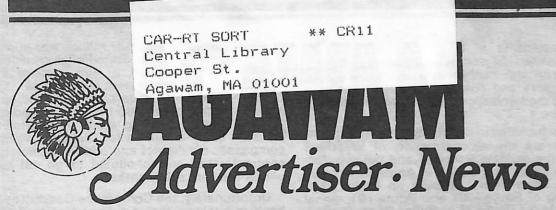
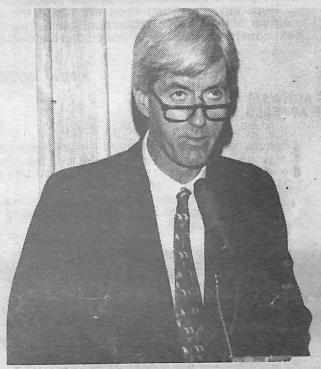
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RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr., has unveiled a plan to house a riverboat casino at the park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Riverside Park Launches Bid For Riverboat Casino, Hotel

Edward Carroll, President of Riverside Park in Agawam, has announced the Park's plans to establish a riverboat casino facility as a new addition to the entertainment attractions at Riverside

The announcement was made at a press conference on Tuesday, August 23rd in the Picnic Grove located in the Park.

"When the issue of allowing riverboat casinos in Massachusetts began, we decided it was something we needed to research. We were concerned about reported plans by Foxwoods in Connecticut to build a \$100 million theme park at their casino, and in Southeastern Massachusetts, where the city of New Bedford is moving ahead with plans to allow a huge casino and theme park to be built.

"If we do not remain competitive with those proposals, or any other casino/theme park complex being discussed for our region, Riverside would be severely impacted, and possibly out of

"That would be devastating not only to our family, but also to our extended family—the thousands of people we employ here in Agawam

and our surrounding communities," Carroll ex-

Riverside Park, the largest amusement park and family entertainment center in New England, has been in the Carroll family for generations and is the largest employer in Agawam. Currently, nearly one million visitors travel to Riverside each year to enjoy the rides and attractions, as well as NASCAR racing at Riverside Raceway and special concerts run by the Park.

At the press conference, Carroll discussed the research that has been undertaken, which shows that Riverside would be an excellent site. "I think that people will be impressed with the amount of thought we have put into this.

'We are eager to give a detailed presentation of our ideas, and we are committed to working close-ly with the people of Agawam and our elected officials to answer any and all questions. We welcome input, that is why we asked the City Council to place a referendum on our town's ballot in November, so that everyone can be involved," Carroll stressed.

SEE RIVERSIDE PARK - Page 6...

# Happy Birthday, Jack Sarat, Sr.



JACK SARAT, SR. celebrated his 90th birthday at his place of business, Sarat Ford Sales and Services, on Monday, August 22nd. Employees and friends joined Sarat for the celebration. The family business is now in its eighth decade. Looking on is Jack Sarat, Jr., company president. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# **Bus Safety Program Held**



FIRST-TIME SCHOOL BUS RIDERS were given the Annual Bus Tour at Agawm High School last Friday. Parent Susan Dempsey was again one of the organizers and she is flanked by DARE Officer Donald Gallerani and the mascot from the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Agenda For Sept. 6th Town Council Mtg.

Citizen's Speak Time
 Roll Call

3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Alle-

giance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 8/1/94
5. Declaration from Council President

A Regular Memorials & Removed. 6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remon-

(a) Resolutions
1. TR-94-22-A Resolution Accepting the Provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 13A and 13C, Allowing the Town of Agawam to Establish Funds to Pay Workers' Com-

pensation Claims (Mayor).

2. TR-94-23-A Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the State Primary Election of September 20, 1994 and the State Election of Newmber 8, 1994, by the Board of Registrars

7. Report of Council Committees

8. Elections None

9. Public Hearings

1. PH-94-11-(TO-94-43)-Application for a Class II Dealer License, Jay's Auto Sales, 1514 Main St., Aga., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

2. PH-94-12 (TO-94-44)-Application for a Class II Dealer License, Falcor Auto Sales, 373 Springfield St., Aga., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a) Orders

1. TOR-94-7-An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Chapter 180, Article X, Section 180-60B and Chapter 180, Article XI, Section 180-66D (Mayor).

2. TO-94-42-Voucher List (\$4,213.20).

11. New Business (a) Orders

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# Melconian Announces Enactment Of Bill For Time-Sensitive Projects, Including Rte. 57

State Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced that the Massachusetts House and Senate enacted on Monday, August 22nd, a truncated version of the transportation bond bill that will provide some \$2.4 billion for

"time-sensitive projects."

"The objective," Senator Melconian noted, "is to allow to go forward: (1) those projects that have been advertised and ready to be awarded, and (2) all projects scheduled to be advertised in the current construction season from now through Oc-

This action is in the interest of citizens throughout the Commonwealth, and will enhance employment and contractual opportunities for those workers and contractors engaged in the repair and modernization of our transportation in-

Projects included in the abridged version of the bond bill are the reconstruction of Westfield Street to the existing Route 57 and the resurfacing of the South End Bridge in Agawam. Also included is snow barrier fencing on Route I-391, resurfacing of Route I-391 and Route I-91, signal betterments for Route I-391 and Route I-91, signal betterments for Route 33 at Fuller Road, Route 5 and Route 10 at Depot Road, and crack sealing on

Route I-91 and I-391 in the City of Chicopee.

Projects pending for the City of Springfield are bridge betterment I-91 viaduct over various streets, resurfacing related work on Sumner Avenue, Belmont Avenue and White Street, and bridge renair on Bases Board over Correit. bridge repair on Pasco Road over Conrail.

Pending projects in the Town of West Spr-

ingfield that are funded are crack sealing of Route I-91 and I-391 and the resurfacing of Route 21, Putts Bridge and resurfacing of Route 20 and the Rotary at Route 5.

Funding will be made available for 13 "time-sensitive items" after discussion with the appropriate state agencies. The projects approved include \$2 billion for road, bridge construction and highway repair throughout the com-monwealth. Approximately \$400 million was approved to fund improvements in public transporta-

In addition, a total of \$28 million was approved for the purchase of new State Police cruisers and the implementation of a new state-of-the-art

telecommunications system by the force.
Senator Melconian stated, "This funding will provide approximately \$35.1 million in funding for projects that are pending within my district. Also included are \$1.8 million for District II which encompasses my district and additional monies for contracts that are scheduled to go out to bid within the next two months.'

Unfortunately, the Conference Committee held back two issues that are important to Western Massachusetts: (1) funding for Public Works Economic Development Grants that contain monies for cities and towns, and (2) monies for a test site to continue the development of a highspeed ground transportation system (MagLev).

"Hopefully, the Committee will report the remainder of the transportation bond bill before the next construction season," concluded Melconian.

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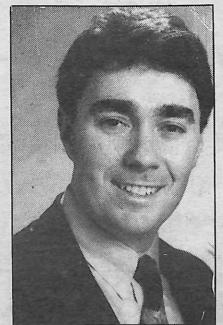
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# **Letters To The Editor**

#### Keenan Can Fill Shoes To Be Vacated By Walsh

To The Editor:
When Mike Walsh announced in February he would not seek re-election to the State House, I was terribly disappointed. It was a feeling which is very hard to describe.

Perhaps it is because I know Mike Walsh and I know how much he has done for the Third Hampden District, which includes Agawam, Blandford,

Granville, Russell, Southwick, and Tolland.
Mike is gifted with a degree of excellence. Not only is he a good listener, but he is a great debator amongst his peers. These two qualities have made Mike Walsh a standout in the House of Representatives.

As the shock wore off from Mike's decision not to seek re-election, I wondered if a talented candidate would emerge to "fill some big shoes" at the State House.

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Dan Keenan, a bright young lawyer from Southwick, had announced his intentions to replace Mike Walsh. I know Dan Keenan. I can say without reservation that Dan Keenan will "fill those big shoes" adequately. He is eminently qualified to

replace Mike Walsh as our State Representative.
I am confident that Dan Keenan will represent all of the people of the Third Hampden District just as Mike Walsh did before him.

I offer my full support to Dan Keenan at this

Ralph Liptak Former Officer of Local 514 **United Paper Workers Union** Southwick

#### Refusal To Debate Issues **Unfortunate Situation**

To The Editor:

Candidate George Bitzas' refusal to debate the important issues facing the voters of the Third Hampden District is not only unfortunate, but it is an insult to the voters that he hopes to represent.

First and foremost, I am extremely disappointed with Mr. Bitzas' lack of courage to debate in the Democratic Committee sponsored forum. I wonder if he lacks the personal knowledge of the issues or does he fear his opponent's superior knowledge of these issues?

I, for one, am tired of politicians using sound-bites as smoke screens, then hiding behind campaign consultants and/or writers. Mr. Bitzas' campaign manager was quoted as saying, "All the candidates should have the questions in advance and not be presented with questions from the audience the night of the forum.

This type of politics has proven to me that George Bitzas is not worthy of the prestigious office of State Representative, now held by Michael Walsh. Needless to say, my vote will not go to George Bitzas.

Jeri Lynn Cocchi 77 Dogwood Lane Agawam

#### Liberal News Media Again **Tells Wrong Story On Crime**

To The Editor:

The liberally-controlled news media is in-

capable of writing a fair, unbiased, and unslanted report on firearms ownership.

On Friday, August 19, 1994, the press carried an article by John Solomon of the Associated Press: "NRA Targeted Money To Beat Clinton's Crime Bill." This article is so blatantly biased it's a crime

The article didn't mention that Handgun Control, Inc.—who authored and is pushing this bill has the best legislators supporting it that money can buy. "Slick Willie" Clinton owes Sarah Brady and her 300,000 members of HCl much. By the way, Sarah Brady is the highest paid lobbyist in Washington (to the tune of \$5 million a year).

Why didn't Solomon write a truthful, unbiased

article and report who in Congress takes money from this "special interest group"? According to the media, the NRA is a four-letter word made up of 3½ million zealots, but HCI are 300,000 mainstream, grass-root Americans ... NOT!

If Solomon reported truthfully, you would see the names of Rich Neal and John Olver as reaping financial gain from Handgun Control, along with almost all of our other legislators from Massachusetts. That's why phone calls and letters don't

work with our elected and bought officials.

Why won't the liberal media report that the Boston Patrolman Union, the Mass. State Police Association, the National Sheriffs Association, National Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Law Enforcement Alliance have all come out against this bill, while they report that the International Association of Chiefs of Police—who receives millions of dollars from Justice Department grants-is in favor of it?

Why is it on August 14, 1994, tens of thousands of law-abiding gun owners held a rally in Washington, D.C. protesting this crime bill, and not a word or picture has been mentioned by the

If you have three wing nuts with a sign protesting someplace, ABC, CBS, NBC, and CNN all have live coverage with a week of follow-up reports. But thousands of citizens rallying to protect their Constitutional rights don't even draw

Wake up, America! Your rights and this nation have been sold to politically correct "special interest" by liberal politicians, liberal media, and "Comrade Clinton."

Donald E. Loncto Feeding Hills

#### Bitzas Won't Participate In State Rep. Forums

To The Editor:

Just sitting here wondering why Mr. Bitzas is willing to participate in Council forums but not in the State Representative forums.

The people of the Third Hampden District should be asking Mr. Bitzas the same question, for it is **our** State Representative that is accountable to the people.

cannot remember one instance that Mike Walsh ever backed away from the issues.

You know the old saying, "If you can't take the heat, get out of the kitchen." Mr. Bitzas, the heat is on!!!

Michael Desmond 414 South Westfield St.

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#### Resident Becomes Independent **Voter To Support Bitzas**

To The Editor:

I am an Agawam resident, a homeowner, and a taxpayer with two children in the Agawam school system. I am very much interested in the State

Representative race for our district.
I believe that George Bitzas, an Agawam resident whom we have elected three times to our City Council, has proven to be an effective leader with integrity, honesty, dedication, and common sense. He is a family man with values who cares and works hard for the people.

George is a Democratic candidate, and I am a Republican who believes in George. For the first time in my life, I went to City Hall to change to Independent so that I can vote for George in the

Democratic Primary. I did it with pride. George, you earned my vote. Good luck to you. Vincent Callahan 29 Florida Drive Agawam

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#### LIQUOR LICENSING COMMISSION TOWN OF AGAWAM

Notice is hereby given under General Laws, Chapter 138, that Riverside Liquors, 1811-13 Main Street, Agawam, MA, Carlo Bonavita, Manager, has applied for Alter of Premise and Transfer of License from C-Burt, Inc., d/b/a State Line Package Store. Building consisting of: a one story wood framed building with three rooms, one room wood framed building with three rooms, one room for sales, one room storage, and one room for an office. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 13, 1994, at 7:00 P.M., in the Faolin Peirce Room, Agawam Police Headquarters, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

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ROBERT VANDERHOOF

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, September 1st "Seventh Grade Orientation Night" At Agawam Junior High School for incoming students & their parents 7:00 p.m. in the junior high auditorium

Thursday, September 8th Meeting for members of A.S.G.A. (Agawam Senior Games Athletes) At the Agawam Senior Center 10:00 a.m. For additional information, call the Senior Ctr.-at 786-0400, ext. 242

Thursday, September 8th Agawam Junior Women's Club's "Membership Tea" At Agawam Public Library 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info about the Junior Women's Club and/or its "Membership Tea," please call 786-4699

Friday, September 9th Annual "Open House" at The Children's Center Nursery School For more specific information about the "Open House" schedule, call 786-1432

Saturday, September 10th Annual Tailgate Sale by Rosary Altar Society At Sacred Heart Church, F.H. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (The rain date is Sunday, September 11th, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.)



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### by Fire Chief David Pisano Fire-Safe Cooking With Microwave Ovens

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Disposable bottles are not made to withstand

intense microwave oven heat.

 Food microwaved may feel cool to the touch on the surface, only to be scalding hot in the middle. Many infants receive severe burns to the

mouth and throat because of this.

• Parents should test the temperature of the baby's food before feeding the child.

 Additionally, parents should follow the directions provided by the bottle's manufacturer for heating instructions.

For more information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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By order of the Board of Appeals, Ronald A. Hebert Chairman

Published: August 25, 1994

# **Neal Criticizes Federal Reserve For Raising Interest Rates**

Second District Congressman Richard E. Neal has sharply criticized the Federal Reserve's recent decision to increase two short-term interest rates, claiming the action would "curb economic recovery and make it more difficult for average Americans to borrow money." The announcement by the Fed marks the fifth time this year that interest rates have been raised, pushing rates to their highest level in three years.

While the Federal Reserve cited the potential of future inflation as the primary reason for the half percentage point increase, many economists and lawmakers dispute the Fed's most current assessment of the economy. It is their belief that the threat of inflation is not as imminent as the Fed has indicated. Furthermore, most anticipate that the Fed will raise interest rates again this fall.

"I am very disturbed that the Federal Reserve would jeopardize economic growth by hiking interest rates. In my opinion, this action will have an adverse effect on the economy. These increases will negatively affect every American consumer who wants to take out a loan, buy a new car, purchase a home, or start a business," said Neal.

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# Dan Keenan Speaks **Out On Crime**

Dan Keenan (D), a candidate for State Representative for the Third Hampden District, has stated that he believes in a balanced approach on the issue of crime. Keenan stated that we must deal with the issue of crime through prevention, protection, and punishment.

If we can find millions of dollars to fund propos-

ed baseball stadiums and megaplexes, there is no reason that we cannot find the funds to fight crime. Keenan believes that money spent on improving our criminal justice system will also have

long-term economic benefits.

Preventing crime before it happens is the most cost-effective way of dealing with the problem.
Community programs such as DARE, conflict resolutions in our schools, child abuse programs

and domestic violence programs are all excellent programs which should be fostered.

Protecting the residents of our local communities is a difficult task without adequate staffing and training for our local law enforcement agencies. Keenan stated that he is encouraged by the efforts of our federal legislators regarding the passage of the Anti-Crime Bill.

The bill is not law as of yet, but the legislators are moving in the right direction in providing funding at the federal, state, and local level for additional police officers and additional prison space. Providing adequate staffing, training, and equipment for our law enforcement agencies is imperative. If our law enforcement officials are to be effective in combating crime, they must be better trained and better equipped than the criminal.

Punishing criminals effectively is something that could be accomplished more readily if the Federal Anti-Crime Bill comes to pass. Funding for additional prisons will allow our criminal justice system to deal with criminals in the manner in which our laws state that they should. It is difficult to keep criminals in prisons to the full extent of their sentencing if there is not adequate space to hold the prisoners.

Keenan warned, though, that there is no quick fix to solving our problems with crime. Communities must bond together and share the responsibility for improving our quality of life. It is a long-term commitment which will help to make

our communities safer.

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# **Chamber Looks To** Support Riverside Riverboat Casino

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will be sending out a second survey to its members this week, asking the business community of Agawam if it wants to support Riverside's efforts in its latest plans for a Riverboat Casino.

According to Chamber President Kurt Welker, the first survey results were said to be very positive in favor of bringing the casino to Riverside. Only 11 negative responses were received out of more than 200 Agawam businesses

However, before the chamber takes a stand on the issue, it would like to see how the business community feels since Riverside has formally announced its plans on the casino. The chamber's executive committee will then discuss the survey results and vote on the issue probably after Labor

A Casino Forum is also being discussed as a possible chamber event for businesses prior to the November election. The chamber is urging its members to respond one way or another and return the survey as soon as possible.

If you would like a copy of the survey, please

call Jean Falk at 787-1554

# Taylor Comm. To Meet Friday, August 26th

The Taylor Committee will meet August 26th at 7:30 p.m. at 707 River Road in Agawam. James D. Taylor is campaigning for the State Representative seat being vacated by Michael Walsh.

Anyone wishing to help prior to and on Election Day, are welcome to attend this meeting. If you have questions concerning local and state government, you may also want to attend. Mr.

Taylor will be available to answer your questions.

The Taylor Committee can be reached at 786-0300. Ćoffee and refreshments will be served.

#### RIVERSIDE PARK - from Page 1...

Carroll also introduced the team of professionals who have helped Riverside put their plans together, including architects, traffic and environmental planners, economic experts, and Lady Luck Gaming Corporation, a highly-respected casino developer and operator specializing in riverboat gaming projects.

Riverside has named their proposal "The River Belle II Project." Over 100 years ago, the "River Belle II Project."

Belle" steamship traveled up and down the Connecticut River. In the late 1800's, thousands of people traveled by riverboat each week from Springfield and other "ports" to Riverside Grove, the site of the press conference.

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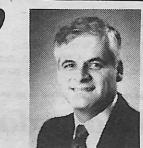


EDWARD J. CARROLL, JR. (second from left), owner and operator of Riverside Amusement Park, sits with officials involved with the proposed riverboat casino to be located at the park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr., shows Agawam Chamber of Commerce members a model of his proposed riverboat casino complex at a special showing for the Chamber on Tuesday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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STATE REP. CANDIDATE George Bitzas (D-Agawam) continues to support the completion of the Route 57 project.

# Bitzas Continues To Support Route 57 Expansion Project

State Representative candidate George Bitzas has announced his continued support for the expeditious completion of the expansion of Route 57.

As an Agawam City Councilor, Bitzas has worked hard to keep the Route 57 project moving forward. He started a citizen petition and gathered thousands of signatures from local residents.

He then presented the petition to state and federal officials to demonstrate Agawam's strong support for the swift completion of the project. He also supported the placement of a non-binding referendum question on the local ballot in Agawam to gauge public support for Phase II of the project. The question received over 90 percent approval from the voters.

Bitzas has closely monitored the progress of the construction and recently urged our state officials to include necessary funding for the completion of Phase I in the Transportation Bond bill. He urged them to take swift action on the bond bill because it also contains funding for Phase II of the project and funding for the reconstruction of Boute 187 (South Westfield Street)

of Route 187 (South Westfield Street).

Bitzas said, "One of the most important issues facing the residents of the Third Hampden District is the expeditious completion of Route 57. The highway provides a key commuter link from Springfield to Agawam and Southwick. It also takes existing commuter traffic off residential extracts to improve traffic safety."

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Bitzas also indicated that he intends to continue his strong support for the Route 57 expansion project. He said, "As your State Representative, I will work hard to see that Phase II of the Route 57 project is completed on schedule. We need the project to finally become a reality to prevent further loss of life on the existing Route 57 corridor. My experience with this project as a City Councilor will undoubtedly be a tremendous asset in Boston."

He concluded, "The people of the Third Hampden District have been extremely patient waiting for action from the state. The time for action on this vital project is now."

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1994 at 6:30 PM o'clock, for all parties interested in the appeal of JAMES F. STEFANIK, who is seeking relief from Sections 180-25 and 180-26, Paragraphs A and B 1 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a detached garage with less than the required setback and rear yard at the premises identified as 54 STANLEY PLACE.

By order of the Board of Appeals, Ronald A. Hebert Chairman



RECEIVING THE OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT of the largest AFL-CIO union in Western Mass. is State Representative candidate George Bitzas (D-Agawam, center). Bitzas is pictured with Richard J. Abdow of Agawam (left), President of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1459. Also in photo is Scott L. Macey (right), also of Agawam, the Secretary/Treasurer of the local union 1459 and a member of the Agawam School Committee.

# Bitzas Campaign Endorsed By Largest AFL-CIO Union In Western Massachusetts

George Bitzas of Agawam, Democratic candidate for the Third Hampden District State Representative's seat and Vice-President of the Agawam City Council, was recently endorsed by the largest AFL-CIO in Western Massachusetts.

Richard J. Abdow of Agawam, President of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1459 and first Vice-President of the Pioneer Valley AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, along with Scott L. Macey, also of Agawam, and the Secretary/Treasurer of UFCW Local 1459, formally announced their endorsement of Bitzas

their endorsement of Bitzas.

"We are very pleased to endorse your candidacy," they said. "You have a long record of public service, including Vice-President of the Agawam City Council, Chairman of the License Committee, and Member of the Ordinance, Budget Review, and Zoning Review Committees.

"You have proven to be a good friend of working families and one who will fight to bring to Massachusetts good paying jobs with fair and equitable benefits," they continued. "We wish you success and we are confident that you will represent the people of the Third Hampden District with integrity, sincerity, and dedication. You know the issues and concerns facing our members and the people of your district. We know that you are the candidate who will best address those issues and concerns of workers and their families."

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Bitzas remarked, "I am very honored and pleased to have the largest AFL-CIO Union in Western Massachusetts to endorse me as a candidate for State Representative. I will preserve, protect, and promote the rights of the working people and their families.

"As a family man with three children in the Agawam school system and a former member of the paper maker and paper workers union of the AFL-CIO, I know firsthand the needs of the working people and their families. They are all hardworking taxpayers and they deserve the support,"

# Enjoy our August harvest.

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#### Agawam Crime Prevention...

# **Common Sense For Home Security**

by Detective Wayne Macey Agawam Police Department

According to F.B.I. statistics, a burglary occurs every 10 seconds. This rather alarming fact is reflected in the 15 percent yearly increase in sales

of security devices.
Surveys conducted by Consumer Report magzine also indicate the following: a typical burglary occurs on a sunny, summer afternoon, not in the middle of a stormy night; one in six homes are unoccupied for at least 10 hours a day; and one in 10 homeowners leave doors unlocked when no one is home.

Finally, burglars are, for the most part, males between the ages of 14 and 21. These burglars will often make lightning quick appraisals of a home and the risk involved in breaking and entering. If the homeowner can DETER the burglar at this point, the heartache and loss suffered will be eliminated. DETERANCE is the single most important ingredient in the crime prevention recipe.

If you have plans for being away for some time, make arrangements for the lawn to be mowed and the snow to be shoveled. Mail should be stopped at the post office and newspapers should be discontinued until such time as you return.

Lights and appliances should be placed on timers so as to give the home a lived-in appearance. If possible, a car should be left in the driveway rather than in the garage. Alarm stickers should be placed on points of entry so as to place doubt in the mind of the burglar.

As one inmate convicted of armed robbery and now serving time in Sing Sing prison stated to Consumer Reports, "A lot of times you might think you know whether the decal is genuine, but you can't really be sure."

Another common sense approach is to keep your valuables out of sight. Don't flaunt the fact that your home is filled with everything a burglar could want.

Lastly, when speaking of detering the burglar, keep ladders and tools put away so as not to allow them to be used in the actual breaking and entering of your home. According to 600 convicted armed robbers serving time in Ohio, the one thing they would do to protect their own home would be to get a dog. When asked what was the most effective protection against burglary, most stated a monitored burglar alarm.

Home security costs range from nothing but common sense to many hundreds of dollars for a professionally installed burglar alarm. In the following two weeks, we will discuss the final two ingredients in the home protection recipe, OBSTRUCT and ALERT. We will attempt to deal with the burglar at each stage of the assault on your home.

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# **Taylor Talks With Area Officials About** "Plan For Progress"

Agawam City Council President James D. Taylor met last week with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and other area officials from Southwick, Palmer, and Chicopee to discuss a "Plan for Progress." Taylor is also a State Representative candidate for the seat being vacated by Michael P. Walsh.

The discussion focused on economic development on a regional basis in the Pioneer Valley. "A new plant or business in one town can provide

new plant or business in one town can provide jobs for residents in many towns," said Taylor. "Conversely, when a plant or business closes, it also affects the residents of many towns.

Taylor believes that competition between towns is healthy, but local officials should not overlook competition between regions of the country. He cites the recent decision of Wal-Mart to locate a large distribution facility in New

to locate a large distribution facility in New Hampshire instead of the Pioneer Valley.

"If we had been able to keep this facility in the region, it would have provided hundreds of jobs for people in the area," Taylor said.

The Agawam Industrial Park was recently chosen as one of a few sites in the country that has features attractive to the semi-conductor industry. "Being chosen is a great step forward," said Taylor, "but it still takes a lot more effort to actually get a manufacturer to locate here. Doing so could bring many new jobs to the area.

"Existing features like water and sewer capaci-

Existing features like water and sewer capacity, as well as proximity to state Route 57, are big selling points for economic development," he

# Senator Melconian Announces Passage Of **Deficiency Budget Bill**

Senator Linda Melconian has announced tha the Massachusetts Senate and House have enacted the 1994 Deficiency Budget Bill. Tr measure appropriates \$72.1 million to cover cos

incurred by over 400 nursing homes during the years 1983-1990.

It appropriates an additional \$51 million cover the state's liability owed to some 40 act hospitals for the years 1983-1991, including payments for the so-called upper limit lawsuits

Senator Melconian stated, "The measure cludes an appropriation of \$13,000 for Heritat Hall Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center

The legislature included an outside section the F final deficiency one year ago requiring the Division of Medical Assistance and the Rate Section 1. ting Commission to finalize calculations c Medicaid reimbursement rates and submit a report to the legislature detailing payments owed

to facilities by the state.

The current final deficiency budget also directs the Division to begin aggressively collecting from a separate set of facilities who owe the Com-monwealth for overpayment during the same

Senator Melconian stated that these funds are critical to the operations of these important nurs-ing homes and medical facilities. "This deficiency budget represents an earnest effort on the part of this Committee to ensure that the Commonwealth pays its bills," she said.

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# **Agawam Obituaries**

#### Richard H. Abbey

Richard H. Abbey, 73, of 226 Colemore Street, Agawam, a construction salesman at Kinsley Equipment Co. in Hartford, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He retired in 1986.

Born in Chester, he lived in Hungtington. He was an Army Air Forces veteran of World War II, and served in the 339th Fighter Squadron.

He settled in Feeding Hills 40 years ago, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He

belonged to the Civitan Club in Springfield, and the American Legion.

He leaves his wife, the former Alberta Pierce; two sons, Gregory of Feeding Hills and Alan of Springfield; a daughter, Ann Abbey of Boston; and a brother, Leonard of Holyoke.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the convenience of the family in Springfield Street

Memorial contributions may be made to the Civitan Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 165, Springfield, MA 01101.

#### Blanche I. Alty

Blanche I (Tetrault) Alty, 80, of 56 Royal Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Fall River, she moved to Agawam in 1970, and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Her husband of 53 years, Frederick H. Alty, died

in April. She leaves a daughter, Janice A. Moccio of Agawam; a brother, Emery of Taunton; a sister, Jeanne Bonsignore of West Springfield; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Michael's

Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may go to the Braille and Talking Book Library, Perkins School for the Blind Development Office, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02172-9982.

#### Edith L. DuPont

Edith L. (Sloan) DuPont, 69, of 39 Cooper Street, Agawam, an inspector at the former Buxton Co. plant here, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Vinalhaven, Maine, she lived in Derby, Vermont, before moving to Agawam in 1955. She worshipped at the Congregational Church, and was a deaconess.

She also was a volunteer at the Loaves and Fishes Open Pantry for the Homeless in Spr-

Her husband, Harry DuPont, died in 1985.

She leaves a son, Larry M. of Collinsville, Mississippi; a daughter, Pat P. Stebbins of Annapolis, Maryland; a brother, Richard Sloan of Newport, Vermont; a sister, Shirley Revard of Derby; three grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was held in the church, and Colonial Eugens Managers in charge of the arms.

onial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements locally. Burial took place in Derby Cemetery following a service at Converse-Rushford Funeral Home in Newport.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

#### Emilie P. Czerpak

Emilie P. (Cook) Safford Czerpak, 75, of 141 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a retired nurse's aide at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home, died at St. Agnes's Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. She retired in 1983.

A lifelong resident, she was a member of the Congregational Church. An avid bowler, she played in the Alley Cat Bowling League. Her first husband, Clifton F. Safford, died in

She leaves her second husband, Julius A. Czerpak; four sons, Clifton F. Safford, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida, Robert I. Safford of East Longmeadow, Winfield "Scott" Safford of Simi Valley, California, and Howard I. Safford of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Avalon P. Sliech of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Cherolyn R. Austin of Springfield; a stepson, Joseph A. Czerpak, and a stepdaughter, Patricia J. Roy, both of Feeding Hills; 26 grandchildren, and 32 greatgrandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Memorial contribu-

tions may go to any charity.

#### Zilla F. Bilger

Zilla F. (Pattee) Clark Bilger, 98, of 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, and formerly of Balfour Drive, Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She was a retired secretary for the late Dr. Theodore Bacon of Springfield.

Born in Easton, Maine, she lived here from 1925. She worshipped at the Trinity United Methodist Church, and was in its Women's and Adult Groups, and the Eastern Star.

Her first husband, Herman Clark, died in 1935, and her son, Carlton Clark, in 1979.

She leaves a daughter, Carolyn Gove of Springfield; five grandchildren, and 13 greatgrandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, and Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home of Springfield was in charge of the ar-

Memorial contributions may go to the Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

#### Elizabeth Galletti

Elizabeth "Betty" (Zbronski) Galletti, 79, of 16 Hall Street, Feeding Hills, a 35-year assembler for the former General Instrument Corp. of Chicopee, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center. She retired in 1978.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Feeding Hills from 1950. She was graduated from Springfield's High School of Commerce, was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, and was in the St. Anthony's Guild.

She also belonged to the American Association of Retired Persons and the Senior Center, and was a volunteer at Brightside for Families and Children in West Springfield.

Her husband, Dino Galletti, died in 1980. She leaves two sisters, Irene B. Carney of Suffield, CT, and Helen L. Gallipeau of Wilbraham.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brightside for Families and Children, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

#### Nancy L. Blanchard

Nancy L. (Heroux) Blanchard, 44, of 43 Deer Run, the administrative assistant to the president of Holyoke Hospital for nine years, died there Monday, August 22nd.

She was born in Springfield, and lived in Longmeadow for many years before moving to Belchertown four years ago. She was a graduate of the former Ursuline Academy in Springfield, and Bay Path College in Longmeadow. She belonged to the Holyoke Hospital Auxiliary.

She leaves her husband, Lee Blanchard; her parents, Roger and Marcella (Lynch) Heroux of Agawam; two sisters, Sally Hagan of Agawam and Jeanne Marie Heroux of Harwichport; her maternal grandmother, Augusta Lynch of Agawam; three nieces, and a nephew.

A memorial service will be conducted on the afternoon of September 3rd at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge, and memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 83 Dwight Street, Holyoke, 01040.

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# Diane Kennedy Weds Christopher Juzba

Diane Kennedy and Christopher Juzba were united in matrimony on Saturday, August 6, 1994.

The bride's father, David Decker of Lacolle, Canada, stood up for his daughter. Serving as

best man was Michael Juzba of Agawam, father of the groom. The bride's daughter, Justina Kennedy, also attended for her mother.

The bride attended the High School of Commerce in Springfield and is currently attending Springfield Technical Community College. She is employed at Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School. He is a self-employed landscaper in Agawam

After a honeymoon trip to Hampton Beach, New Hampshire, the couple returned to their home in Agawam.



BRIDE-TO-BE Susanne Lafleur and her father, David Lafleur en route from their home on Main Street to the Agawam Congregational Church via a horse-drawn carriage.

# Susanne LaFleur Weds Gary Nardi, Jr.

Susanne Lafleur and Gary Nardi, Jr., were united in matrimony on June 18th at Agawam Congregational Church.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Dolly Lafleur. The groom is the son of Gary, Sr. and Darilynn Nardi.

As part of the wedding ceremony, a carriage ride started at the Lafleur home on Main Street. It

took the bride and her father to the Agawam Congregational Church. From there, it took the bride and groom to the reception at The Oaks banquet

The bride is employed as a manager for SIS Bank. The groom is employed as an operator for JR Sweeping in Agawam.

The couple honeymooned for 10 days in

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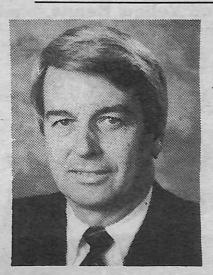
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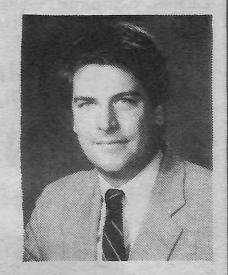
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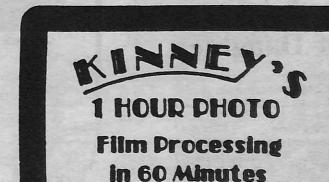


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# **Agawam Senior Games Athletes Conducting Membership Drive**

There have been requests from local athletes and yes, out-of-towners, as to how to become a member of A.S.G.A. (Agawam Senior Games Athletes).

The Board of Directors welcomes new members to join, as they feel the comradery within the group is exceptional, fun, and productive. The requirements to become a member are: you must be 55 years or over, and a resident of Agawam. If you

are not an athlete, you can become one.

To find out how to choose a sport to compete in A.S.G.A. meeting—which will be held on Thursday, September 8th, at 10:00 a.m.—or call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department.

# September Calendar For Golden Age Clubs, Chapters 1 And 2

September 2nd: Chapter 1 - Dinner Board Meeting.

September 7th: Chapter 2 -Regular meeting at 1:30. Gift bingo.

September 11th-15th: Chapter 2 -Trip to Wildwood, New Jersey. Two: days at Atlantic City. Escorted tour: of the Philadelphia Mint, etc.

September 14th: Chapter 1 Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with: guests, The Longmeadow Over 60: Choral Group.

September 15th: Chapter 1 - Trip: to the North Shore Theatre to enjoy: the musical South Pacific.

September 21st: Chapter 2 -Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. with speaker David Skolnick, lecturing: and demonstrating "Handwriting: Analysis."

September 23rd: Chapter 2 Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

September 28th: Chapter 1 -Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Gift: bingo, a bake sale, and a craft sale of handmade goods.

# **Rouliers Announce** Birth Of Daughter

Steve and Sharon Roulier proudly announce the

birth of their first child, Stephanie Ann. Stephanie Ann was born August 13th at 3:42 p.m., weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces, and measuring 21 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Joseph and Dorothy Roulier of Adams, Massachusetts. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Pearl Stefanik of

Please remember that Jack Devine needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call 789-0053.

# Ag. Junior Women's Club To Hold Membership Tea

Come one, come all, to the Junior Women's Club Tea! Meet new friends. Learn about our activities. You can be a part of our team and enjoy our community spirit.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club needs you! The club provides community support in a wide variety of areas and, in addition, holds social activities for members. There is something of interest for everyone.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

To find out more about the club, come to our Membership Tea from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8th, at the Agawam Public Library. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities. If you cannot attend, call Sue Hoague, Membership Chairwoman, at 786-4699.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

# **Disabled Of Western** Massachusetts Holds **Annual Summer Fest**

The members of the Disabled of Western Massachusetts, Inc., recently held their annual Summer Fest at the pavilion in Stanley Park, Westfield.

This year's picnic was a "traditional one" with hamburgs, hot dogs, corn on the cob, and watermelon. The participants each brought a salad or dessert to share. Soda and coffee were supplied.

Mr. Bart Nascembeni, a very talented musician, provided the musical entertainment for the whole afternoon. Thanks, Bart.

After dinner, several raffles were held, giving a lot of people "something" to take home besides a full stomach! Radios, watches, dinner tickets, show tickets, and a beautiful fruit basket were among some of the door prizes given out this were

among some of the door prizes given out this year.
We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of
the businesses and agencies who donated food and prizes to make our picnic such a success this year. By "popular demand," next year's picnic will also be held at Stanley Park, but in the dining room so we can stay longer!

We hope to see many more members and friends at the 1995 Summer Fest. We plan to be bigger and better!



KRISTINA M. MOON & ERICH A. FOGG

# Kristina M. Moon To Wed Erich A. Fogg

Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Moon of North Stonington, Connecticut are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina M. Moon, to Erich A. Fogg, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Fogg of Kennebunk, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Wheeler High School in North Stonington Chamber 1

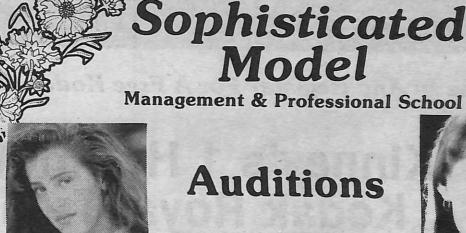
High School in North Stonington. She received a bachelor of science degree in medical rehabilitation from Springfield College.

The groom-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Springfield College.

He is currently enrolled in the Physician Assistant's Master's Degree Program at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

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# News And Notes For September From The Agawam Senior Center

The Birthday and Anniversary Celebration usually celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month, will be celebrated this coming month on

the second Tuesday—September 13th.
If you have signed up before this change,

**CREATIVE CARDS...NOTHING NEW!** 

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volunteering since 1983.

Gladys can take a "used" greeting card and make it sparkling new with her talented, creative ways. Gladys and her students have created all the special cards for the birthday parties and anniversaries, and we appreciate her so very much.

There are openings in the "Creative Card" class

—a perfect class for anyone who cannot do strenuous activities and would like to take part.

(Scheduled time: 1:00 p.m. on Fridays.)

Registrations for this class will be on Tuesday

and Wednesday, September 6th and 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., or call 786-0400, ext. 242, Activities Department. SPECIAL NOTICE

The diabetic screening for September will be held on Friday, September 9th, instead of Friday,

September 16th. SPECIAL 12:30 PROGRAM

Representatives from Merrill Lynch will be holding an informative seminar on Friday, September 9th, to discuss estate planning, longterm health care, and CD alternatives. This will be a good time to ask questions to the people "who know."

Seminars are scheduled at the Senior Center regularly so that you can be better informed on many subjects which will help you make wise decisions. They are always free of charge and very informative.

Stay in touch with us, who care-786-0400, ext.

**NEW ART INSTRUCTOR AT SENIOR CENTER** 

There will be a change in the Art Class starting in September at the Senior Center. Due to her busy commitments, Sandra Saitto will not be available, but will be replaced by Florida Tangoc-

Florida is a local artist and has worked for many years in the various mediums, but she has preferred watercolors in recent years. She will be calling these sessions "An Open Art Studio," and all interested artists may join and bring in whatever supplies they already have (including sketching materials, watercolors, oils, etc.).

Florida has attended classes and workshops at area museums and colleges, and she has exhibited with the Agawam Community Artists, Springfield Art League, Springfield Country Club, Town Gallery, and the Longmeadow Shops Art

Show. She enjoys being involved with others (especially in the art world) and believes that exposure to our many galleries, classes, art shows, exhibits, books, and workshops, enables us to grow as artists and as individuals.

Being retired gives us the opportunity to pursue the more relaxing, enjoyable, and less stressful activities," stated Florida.

On behalf of the Council on Aging and the Agawam Senior Center, we wish to express our

gratitude to the Agawam Senior Center Melody Band and Golden Age Club, Chapter 1 (Evelyn C. O'Melia, President), for the kind donation of six microphone clamps.

Their generosity is greatly appreciated.

NEW LINE DANCING CLASS

A beginner's class will be offered prior to the

regular class for line dancing this fall.
The fall session will begin on Thursday,
September 15th. The beginner's class will start at 1:00 p.m. and will end at 1:30 p.m.; the intermediate class will follow and end at 2:30 p.m. The cost per class is \$1 and \$2, respectively.

Registration for this class and all other classes will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 6th and 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

LABOR DAY INDOOR PICNIC

Get ready, folks ... here comes another celebra-

On Friday, September 2nd, we will celebrate Labor Day. Betty and her kitchen crew are getting

excited about the entertainment (it's a surprise).

The menu will be traditional: hot dogs, hamburgs, and all good things that go with it. Because of the party being indoors, we suggest you make your reservations now if you already haven't-786-0400, ext. 242.
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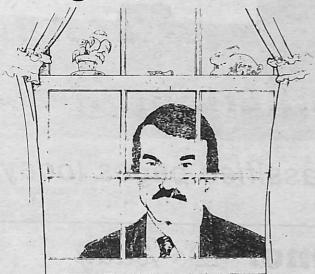
be for "blues."

Our escort will be "Al Gag," TV 22 personality and fishing consultant. The price includes all of the above, plus transportation, lunch, fishing gear, and bait ... all for only \$39.75!

This trip is open to all Agawam residents, 18 years of age and older.

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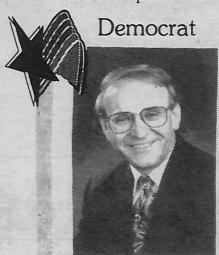
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# **Agawam Elderly Like** Mobile Hearing Unit From Mercy Hospital

by Peggy Shoemaker **Advertiser News Feature Writer** 

Every third Friday, a large mobile clinic pulls up in front of the Agawam Senior Center to screen area residents for hearing ability and to provide audio services for persons who need them.

The mobile unit was in Agawam last Friday, and

The mobile unit was in Agawam last Friday, and will be here again on September 9th and 30th from 9:00 a.m. until the work is concluded.

Approximately 30-feet long, the mobile unit has teal blue lettering on the side that spells out "Mercy Hospital Weldon Mobile Hearing Center, Free Hearing Screenings, Diagnostic Hearing Evaluations, Hearing Aid Sales and Services, and Educational Counseling Programs." And that sizes up just what the center is for.

John Meisner, a tall, red-haired man, has been a clinical audiologist at Mercy Hospital for more

clinical audiologist at Mercy Hospital for more than 10 years. He said he helped to organize the mobile unit about eight years ago in response to the recognized needs of the elderly. "Many older persons are reluctant to drive cars to downtown Springfield where Mercy Hospital is located," Meisner said. "Some are frail and many are dependent on other people. They are more apt to use our services if we make them convenient. So we created the Mobile Hearing Center and we go

Services Available To Everyone
"The services are available to anyone who
needs them, not just the elderly," Meisner pointed out. "But it is generally true that a larger number of older people have hearing problems, and we park at the Senior Center for their convenience. The visits are coordinated by the Weldon Hearing Center of Mercy Hospital and Sandra Smith, activities director of the Agawam Senior Center.

"There is no charge for the initial testing," Meisner said, "but any required follow-up services are charged for at varying rates."

The free testing is generally done in the morning and follow-up services or visits in the afternoons. It is necessary, however, to make appointments by calling the Senior Center desk, 786-0400, extension 242.

Meisner mans the Mobile Center and sometimes has an assistant. This summer the assistant is Cheryl Mack of Newton, Massachusetts. She is studying audiology at UMass and is doing her clinical training on the Mobile Van.

The interior of the Mobile Unit is beige and blue and there are two large, comfortable chairs in

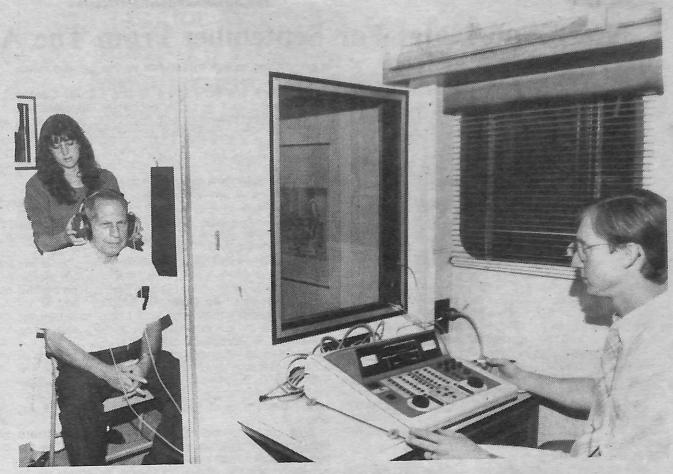
front for the driver and the assistant.

The central portion of the van serves as a waiting room. A couch and chair face either other with a table in between. Beige drapes separate the waiting room from the testing area in the rear, which is divided in two. The clinician is on one side of a glass partition administering the hearing test (electronically) and recording responses. The client, hearing through earphones, responds to what he or she hears from the opposite side of the glass.

The screening takes about 10 minutes. Right after, the clinician explains the test results to the client and makes recommendations. Further testing, a hearing aid, or other rehabilitation services may be suggested, and the client decides what he/she will do. All services are provided at

the Mobile Center.

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STUDENT ASSISTANT CHERYL MACK adjusts earphones on client as clinician John Meisner prepares to administer a hearing test in the Weldon Mobile Hearing Center. The mobile unit was at the Agawam Senior Center on Friday, August 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack



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## **Nominations Are** Being Accepted For Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is currently seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will in-

clude—but not be limited to—the following:

Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

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Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.

Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information: the nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information. In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary and if given, will be kept confidential). When completed, send this sheet of paper to:

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee
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Agawam, MA 01001-3128
Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address no later than September 9, 1994. The committee wishes to thank you for your time and effort; it is greatly appreciated!

#### **HEARING VAN - from Page 14...**

Persons who use the Mobile Center services are being seen by licensed health professionals in the field, Meisner pointed out, not commercial sales people. The hospital does dispense hearing aids and they are given on a 30-day trial basis. Meisner will suggest hearing aids if they are called for, and help with the selection and fitting (in addition to providing follow-up services when

If a medical doctor recommends the client for hearing tests, Medicare or Medex may be billed, Meisner said. Appointments for initial screening are made at the Senior Center desk, but follow-up appointments are made with Meisner.

**Services 20 Area Communities** Services 20 Area Communities
In addition to Agawam, the Hearing Mobile Center services some 20 Hampden and Hampshire County communities. They are in some towns only half a day. This week, they were in Amherst, Chicopee, Easthampton, and South Hadley, and they will locate at the Westfield Council on Aging, Providence Hospital, Longmeadow Senior Center, and West Springfield Senior Center, before returning here on September 9th. If one cannot make the time in his/her own community, they may visit the Mobile Center in any other town. Center in any other town.

The Mobile Center services a town until requests fall off (when it is presumed the needs have been met). Visits are then discontinued in that town until a telephone check indicates that sufficient requests are being made for the town to

be returned to the agenda.

The Weldon Mobile Hearing Center can also be seen at several health fairs during the year,

Meisner said. Screenings for hearing ability are recommended by Meisner for persons who have never had a hearing test, have not been tested for a long time, or who have noticed change in their hearing.

Meisner earned a bachelor of arts degree in speech pathology and audiology at Adelphi University, Garden City, New York. He has a master of science degree from Gallaudet College, Washington, D.C. in audiology, and a certificate of clinical competence from the American

Speech, Hearing and Language Association.
He interned for a year at Mercy Hospital before being licensed by the State of Massachusetts. He remained at Mercy Hospital for 10 years, eight of them on the Weldon Hearing Center, which works out of the Weldon Rehabilitation Center of the

Hearing testing can also be secured at the Weldon Hearing Center of Mercy Hospital.

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# **Community Grange** No. 382 Announces **Programs For Sept.**

Card parties will be held as usual on the following Thursdays—September 1st and 15th, with Roberta Cesan and Evelyn Cordi as hostesses.

A new cumulative contest for scores and attendance will start September 1st, directed by Frances McBride. Be there to get a good start.

The Grange's regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6th, with Alice L. Caldwell, Co-Director of Mass. State Grange C.W.A. This will be Women's Activities Night, and Mrs. Caldwell has many ideas to pass on to the Grange ladies.

The September 20th meeting has been cancelled due to The Big "E." Hostesses for the September 6th meeting are Evelyn Vincelette and

Septembe 6th meeting are Evelyn Vincelette and Evelyn Cordi.

# Commerce High's Class Of 1944 To **Hold 50th Reunion**

The High School of Commerce's classes of January and June 1944 are planning to hold their 50th reunion gala for the weekend of October 8th, 9th, and 10th, to be held at the downtown Spr-

ingfield Sheraton Hotel.

The weekend will start off on Saturday, October 8th, with a personalized tour of our alma mater, and then on to the hotel for a cocktail party and dancing from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Our banquet will be held Sunday, October 9th,

in the main ballroom.

If you have not already been contacted or know of any class members living out of our area, please contact: Elsie Casanova Haroshevsky, 567-3685; Dorothy Fortune Kenyon, 782-2105; or Ruth Burger Thyberg, 789-4483.





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# Avenue Of States Again Feature Of BIG E

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The 73rd edition of The Big E takes place September 16th - October 2nd.
The state buildings, which are replicas of each state's capitol building, offer fairgoers the chance to sample delicious foods like fluffy Maine baked potatoes, savory Rhode Island clam cakes, homemade New Hampshire blueberry pie with ice cream, delicious Connecticut mushrooms, luscious Massachusetts cranberries, and tangy Vermont cheddar cheese or pure maple syrup.

Many other tempting native foods are also available in the state buildings.

The Big E salutes each New England state on its special day. State day activities include unique entertainment and demonstrations on the front

lawn of the building and participation in The Big
E's Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.
State Days will take place as follows: Rhode
Island Day, September 20th; Connecticut Day,
September 21st; Massachusetts Day, September
22nd: Vormant Day, September 24th; Normant Day, 22nd; Vermont Day, September 24th; New Hampshire Day, September 30th; and Maine Day, Oc-

Every day of The Big E, fairgoers can look forward to enjoying the following on the Avenue of

The Connecticut Building underwent major reconstruction over the past year and for the first time ever, there will be agricultural products from Connecticut on sale in the building's brand-new general store. The building will be overflowing with information on tourism, industry, and

While listening to a live broadcast of WTIC Radio from Hartford, fairgoers can view Connecticut-made products, including beautiful Thomaston Clocks. Several departmental agencies will feature exhibits, including the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Department of Tourism, and the Connecticut Historical Society.

The Connecticut Nurseryman's Association and Florists' Association will have displays of trees, shrubbery, and flowers. The Carousel Museum, in Bristol, Connectcut returns with a spectacular carousel of endangered species.

On Connecticut Day, September 21st, the Connecticut Council for the Arts will feature live per-

formances on the building's front lawn.

\* In the Rhode Island Building, savory clam cakes, johnny cakes, soft frozen lemonade, ice cream, frappes, and hot apple pies will keep fairgoers' mouths watering as they tour the Ocean State's building. Rhode Island wares, including fine art, jewelry, fabrics, collectible dolls, and engravable sourvenirs are just a few of the things on sale in the general store.

A recreation of the porch and landscaping of the Blithewold Mansion and Gardens, from Bristol, Rhode Island, will be highlighted in the main display area of the building this year. The landscape includes flowers, trees, and shrubs of

many varieties.

The Gallery Room Exhibit will focus on the South County area of Rhode Island, including Charlestown, Exeter, Richmond, South Kingstown, Westerly, and West Greenwich. Rhode Island Day is September 20th and Babemba USA, a high-energy World Dance and Music Ensemble will perform Ensemble, will perform.

A comical juggling and magic act by Keith Johnson will also be featured in celebration of Rhode Island Day.



\* The Vermont Building will showcase the Green Mountain State with an entertaining exhibit by Vermont Agricualtural Enterprises featuring animated characters. Vermont Christmas trees, mouthwatering Vermont maple syrup, crispy Vermont maple syrup syr mont apples, and tangy cheddar cheese will tempt fairgoers' tastebuds.

The Vermont Morgan Horse Association will

have a live Morgan horse on hand and Vermont's state agencies will provide information on the many services available to Vermonters.

On Vermont Day, September 24th, the Dance Ranch Cloggers will present a clogging demonstration on the front lawn of the building. George Woodard, Vermont state rural humorist and musician, will also be part of the celebration

on Vermont Day.

\* The best of The Big E's home state is on display in the Massachusetts Building. The Mass. Division of Tourism will provide fairgoers with state-wide information and maps, the Mass. Environmental Police will have a wild turkey exhibit, and the Mass. Division of Forest and Parks will celebrate "Smokey the Bear's" 50th birthday.

There will also be plenty of mouth-watering treats in the Massachusetts Building. Cookies and milk provided by the Mass. Dairy Association, and milk provided by the Mass. Dairy Association, stir-fried vegetables provided by Mass. Farmers' Markets, chili and popcorn provided by Western Mass. Food Bank, and apples, cranberries, nachos, and cider, maple syrup, Finnish pancakes, and honey will all be available.

The Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield, Inc. and the Springfield unit of the Shriner's Hospital will be represented and WNNZ Radio of Westfield will broadcast live from the building. Massachusetts Day is September 22nd.

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\* In the New Hampshire Building, a wide selection of high-quality goods representing the Granite State will include pottery from Granite Lake Pottery, wood baskets from Butternut Basket Works, quilts from Pennywistle Patch Factory, and lighthouse replicas from The Paul Nickerson Lighthouse Collection.

Furniture, candlesticks, jewelry, clothing, coffee, and even lottery tickets will be available for fairgoers to purchase. The New Hampshire Department of Tourism will provide the central exhibit footuning the four pageons of New Hampshire hibit, featuring the four seasons of New Hampshire with pictorial displays and plantings. There will be rotating demonstrations by representatives from Shaker Village on a stage in the center of the building. Fairgoers may also sample New Hampshire's famous homemade blueberry pie and ice cream while visiting the building. New Hampshire Day is September 30th.

\* The delicious flavor of famous Maine baked

potatoes will please the palate of fairgoers at the Maine Building. Potatoes aren't the only attraction in the Pine Tree State's building. The Maine Blueberry Commission will have warm blueberry muffins to offer fairgoers. An old-fashioned country store, full of a variety of agricultural goods and "down-east" specialty products, will be presented

by the Maine Department of Agriculture.

A brand-new tourism display will "welcome" fairgoers to Maine this year as they enter the Maine state building, where state-wide information on inland or coastal areas will be provided.

The Maine Publicity Bureau will provide fairgoers with vacation information. Outdoor sports will be showcased by the Maine Department of Fisheries and Wildlife as will outdoor equipment and clothing from L.L. Bean.
September 25th is Maine Day at The Big E, and

two state bands will perform in The Big E Daily Parade at 4:30 p.m.

The six New England state buildings will provide fairgoers with a smorgasbord of delicious food, great entertainment, and many educational exhibits during The Big E, September 16th-October 2nd in West Springfield.

Check our classified

# Littlefield Family **Announces Birth Of** Daughter, Tiffany

Robert and Laurie Littlefield of Lincoln Street, Feeding Hills, announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Marie, on July 31st.

She weighed seven pounds, two ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

On hand to greet her at home was seven year-old sister, Victoria Lee, and two year-old sister,

The paternal grandparent is Howard Littlefield of Florida. Maternal grandparents are Joseph and Barbara Russo of Agawam.

The maternal great-grandparents are Marco Cammisa and Rose Russo of Agawam.

# D'Amours Announce Birth Of Son, Brandon

David and Arden D'Amours of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brandon Albert, who was born on July 20, 1994. Awaiting him at home were his older siblings, brother Bryant and sister Kristina.

Brandon's grandparents are Shirley Shea of Feeding Hills, the late Albert D'Amours, and Barbara and Mike Uhlar of Pine Island, Florida.

The baby's great-grandparents are Mary LaMontagne of Feeding Hills, Edna D'Amours of Amherst, and George Downing, Sr. of Honolulu,

### Spfld. Turnverein **Schedules Crafts Fair**

On Saturday, October 29th, the Springfield Turnverein will hold its annual Arts and Crafts

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# Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, August 29th: Golden carrot soup, chunky chicken salad, tomato/cucumber salad, oatmeal: bread, nectarine.

Tuesday, August 30th: American: chop suey, tossed salad, Canadian: oat bread, strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday, August 31st: Baked: chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, applesauce: with raisins.

Thursday, September 1st: Grape: juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, pumpernickel bread, and mixed:

Friday, September 2nd: Picnic— Hamburg or hot dog on roll, potato: salad, corn on the cob, and ice: cream.

## Fish Family Announces Birth Of 2nd Child

James and Gail (Stepanik) Fish proudly announce the birth of their second child, Meghan Victoria, on August 14th.

This sweet little bundle weighed in at seven pounds, 3/4 ounce and measured 20 inches long. Meghan was welcomed by big brother, Christopher Michael, who is almost six years-old, and grandparents Judy Fish of Ware, Eleanor and Ed Stepanik of Feeding Hills, and maternal grandparents Rose and Roman Jurczak, also of Ware.



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AGAWAM 4-H CLUB members, from left - Jennifer McGuire, Kimberly Sullivan, and Caitlin Weisgerber put on a fashion revue at the Annual 4-H Fair at the BIG E. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 20. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TWO GOOD REASONS WHY the Agawam 4-H Club continues to grow and thrive are advisors Zoafia Demko (left) and Ava Demko. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 20. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Agawam Youngsters Again Participate In Annual Hampden County 4-H Fair At BIG E

The Hampden County 4-H/Youth Fair was held July 30th at The Big E Agricultural Complex. The event showcased handmade crafts, woodworking, clothing, foods, and photography of over 200 area youth, as well as an array of livestock and homegrown vegetables and fruit.

The event featured a "Fun Run" of distances

from one-eighth to three-fourths of a mile, a rocket launch, a llama show, pedal tractor pull, a fashion revue, and horse show. Awards were given out to the "Best of the Best."

Agawam/Feeding Hills participants included Meghan Beauchesne, Jennifer McGuire, Brian McGuire, Caitlin Weisgerber, Heather Kerr, Katie

Turnbull, Derrick Turnbull, Kimberly Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Nicholas Vooys, Julie Vooys, Peter Kingsley, Sarah Bonini, Anthony Rueli, and Sandi

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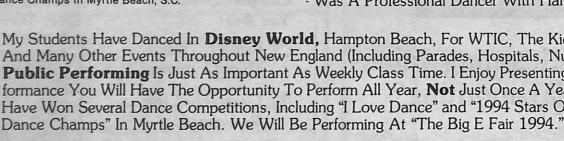
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# Church News

# **Guest Preacher To Visit** F. Hills Congregational **Church This Sunday**

We will again enjoy Marion Hansen as our guest preacher this week. She is IN Care of the Hampden Association, on the path to the Commissioned Ministry of Pastoral Care, supervised by the Church and Ministry Committee.

Formerly an adjunct chaplain at Hartford Hospital and the VAMC in Northampton, Marion currently is a church consultant training lay caregivers, doing seminars, and supply preaching in the Western area.

Her sermon title will be "Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!" Join with us for worship at 10:00 a.m.

# **Annual Parish Picnic** At St. John's Aug. 28

St. John the Evangelist Church will hold its annual parish picnic at the V.F.W. on South Street on Sunday, August 28th, from 12:00 noon to 4:00

St. John's parish council members are coordinating this event. Parish council president Jim Veale is chairman, and Paul Schafer is serving as co-chairman. Loraine Maniscalchi is ticket chairperson, assisted by Chris Veale.

Other council members and parishioners helping with the picnic are: Sister Frances White, Kathie Schafer, Bill Beaudry, Judy Clow, David and Beverly Ladizki, Ray Provost, and Bernie and Marsha Chapman.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, chips, soda, ice cream, and watermelon will be sold at "old time" prices. There will be games and prizes for the vounger set

This event will be held rain or shine.

# Ag. Congregational's Calendar Of Events

Our Summer Worship is at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday, August 28th, and will continue through September 4th.

Rev. Fuller's sermon for this Sunday is "Where does my help come from?" (Psalm 121.)

"Christian Basics," a Primer for Pilgrims, continues at 8:30 a.m. this Sunday, August 28th. "What's life all about? Is it worth trying to do right? What is right? Can we believe in anything?

Dorothy and Gabe Fackre are the positive and optimistic authors of this study. The four-week study will conclude on September 18th, when Gabe will be our guest at the class and be guest preacher that morning.

The softball game is Sunday, August 28th, at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the Little League Field at Phelps School.

Bring your glove, bat, ball, and enjoy fun, friends, and food. All ages welcome!

Following the softball game, there will be a pic-nic back at the church. A modest \$1 fee will cover

the cost of the picnic.

A meeting for our "On to Oakland" parents and students will follow the picnic.

Our church's 175th Anniversary is September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th.

The celebration begins on Friday, September 9th, with a Music Festival, which will include a Hymn Sing, the Golden Bell Ringers and Junior Choir, and an Anniversary Dance with music from

On Saturday, September 10th, we will have a Parade and Carnival from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with pony rides, clowns, games, and food. Admission for the Carnival is canned goods for the Open Pantry or elbow macaroni for Loaves & Fishes. There is an Anniversary Dinner that night from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available in the church office; there are only 200 tickets available, so get yours early!

On Sunday, September 11th, there will be two Special Worship Services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and a special coffee hour with an Anniversary Cake.

On Sunday, September 18th, we will have a Guest Preacher for our Worship Service. The Rev. Gabriel Fackre is Abbot Professor of Christian Theology at Andover Newton Theological School. He is also the author of several books, including "Christian Basics, A Primer for Pilgrims." All are welcome to attend this special service.

# Sacred Heart Church Now Preparing For Annual Christmas Bazaar

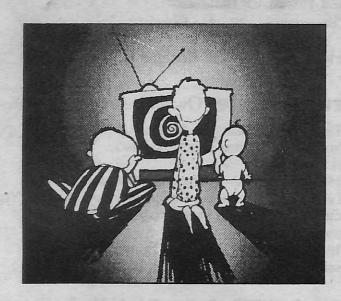
Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills is going all out in preparation for its Annual Christmas Bazaar. With less than 130 shopping days left until Christmas-and fewer than that left until the Bazaar-it is time to make your crafts and rent

This year will be devoted to crafts, raffles, bak-

ed goods, and Santa. Not making an appearance this year is our "Attic Treasure" room, in order to accommodate the numerous crafters that were

not able to display last year.
Think NOVEMBER, think CHRISTMAS, and remember Sacred Heart Bazaar.

# Check our classifieds



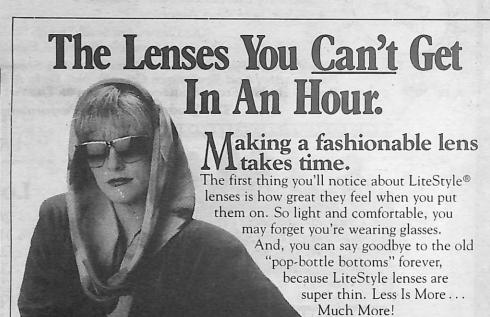
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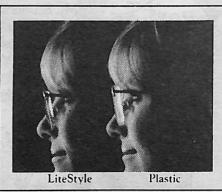
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# Vacation Bible School Returns Again To F.H. Congregational

Feeding Hills Congregational Church's first Vacation Bible School in many years went very well last week. There were 30 children enrolled, several of them newcomers to the church's ministries. The kids ranged in age from three to 13, with about half of them in the six to eight year-old group.

The program opened each evening with an introduction of the day's theme, singing, and prayer. The kids then moved to the classrooms. At 15-minute intervals, each group visited the day's locale at "Destination Station," enabling the kids to go back through time to visit the river Jordan; the temple in Jerusalem; an early clandestine worship session in the Roman catacombs; the homes of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus; and the road to Jericho. The program closed with a review of the theme, singing, prayer, and snacks.

theme, singing, prayer, and snacks.

On Wednesday night, the school collected an offering of canned goods for the Open Pantry in West Springfield. The program concluded on Friday with a presentation for the children's families of the week's highlights, followed by an Ice Cream Sundae Extravaganza

Sundae Extravaganza.

The teachers for the Vacation Bible School were Betty Kopy, Lori Stacy, Lois Granger, Evelyn Nodland, Sharon Rozanski, Patsy Traficante, and Debbie Donaldson, with assistance from Matt and Charlie Granger.

"Destination Station" was staffed by Shelly Rose, Matt Granger, Connie Rosenberg, and Rob Donaldson, with assistance from George Kopy and Melinda Coffey. Doug Neier was the handyman on Monday night, helping with a number of last-minute details.

The Feeding Hills Congregational Church would like to publicly thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of its Vacation Bible School.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLERS put on costumes and get ready to go back to the time of Jesus.



**WORSHIP** TIME before the start of Bible School was a regular activity at Feeding Hills Congregational Church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLERS at Feeding Hills Congregational Church sit "in the River Jordan."

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Church News - continued...

# **More Historical Tidbits** From The Agawam **Congregational Church**

To commemorate its upcoming 175th Anniversary Celebration on September 9th, 10th, 11th, and 18th, the Agawam Congregational Church continues with its presentation of historical facts

about its role in our community:
The Ladies' Aid Society has always been an important part of church service. The group was first known as the Ladies' Sewing Society, and the earliest record of its activities was in connection with some sewing done for the Women's Missionary Society in 1886.

Ladies' Aid record books go back only to 1905; however, in 1899 there was a letter found (written in 1844) thanking the Ladies' Aid Society for barrels sent to a missionary in Illinois. Therefore, it seems the Ladies' Aid Society is almost as old as

the church itself. While the Ladies' Aid Society has apparently been to the church an ever-present help in time of financial crises, it has been much more to those who have worked so hard to garner the dollars to meet that need.

How pleasant the gatherings to tie a quilt, or to sew for the missionary barrel or for needy ones in town. How satisfying the feeling of accomplishment when, together, they have cleaned the kit-chen or served a large dinner. What a sense of real friendship when a burden in one's life might be lightened by a sympathetic listener.

This is what the Ladies' Aid Society is all about and continues to be today.

# **Sunday Calendar For** Ag. Methodist Church

All are cordially invited to attend family worship this Sunday, August 28th, at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam United Methodist Church.

Sunday School will also commence at 9:30

a.m., and nursery care is provided. The service ends at 10:30 a.m.

Birthday Card Ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture. Stop by the office.

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#### The Agawam Advertiser News

# **Annual Tailgate Sale** At Sacred Heart Set For Sat., Sept. 10th

Sacred Heart Church on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills is under way in its preparations for its Annual Tailgate Sale.

This event, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, will take place on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Rain date will be Sunday, September 11th, from 1:00 until 6:00

If you are interested in renting a space, please call Theresa at 786-4966. If you just want to browse, please keep this date in mind.

# **Trading Post Opening** For Take-In Clothing On Wednesday, Sept. 7

The Agawam Baptist Church Trading Post, corner of Main & Elm Streets, Agawam, will be opening Wednesday, September 7th for take-in only. Clothes must be clean, in season, in style, iron-

ed, and folded (or on hangers).

Good as new knick-knacks, small appliances, and baby furniture will be appreciated.

The Trading Post 50/50 Consignment Shop will be opening September 14th and every Wednesday thereafter from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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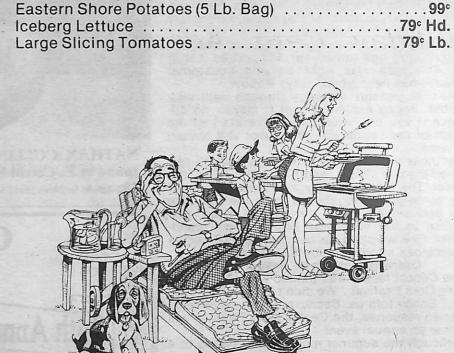


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# Spotlight On Business

# First Corn Fest At E. Cecchi Farms **A Tasty Success**

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

Here in Western Massachusetts, the summer months mean much more than the hot sun, backyard barbecues, and vacationing with the family. Summer means corn season in Agawam.

To celebrate one of the most popular crops in the area, E. Cecchi Farms on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills decided to throw a party of sorts. On August 13th and 14th, Cecchi's Farm Stand hosted its first Annual Con Feetival.

From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on both days, the Cecchi family, with the help of some friends, served approximately 500 hungry people. Those attending the free event were treated to some great home cooking. There was a large tent and plenty of seats available for all who participated.

First Introduced In 1620 Corn-on-the-cob has been a long-time favorite in Massachusetts. Back in 1620, the Native Americans introduced this crop to the Pilgrims here in our state. For several years, the Eastern part of Massachusetts celebrated the crop with corn festivals, explained Bobby Cecchi. This year, the Cecchi family decided to bring that tradition

Four different varieties of corn were served at the festival-Candy Corn, Candy King, Silver Queen, and the ever-popular Butter-Sugar Corn. Bobby Cecchi explained how most customers tend to stick with one type of corn. This festival allowed patrons to sample all different types of local corn; corn they normally wouldn't have tried.

The reaction to all this free corn was great.

According to Bobby, many individuals have approached the family saying, "This is the best corn lever had." And the Cecchi family farm has been drawing such reactions for close to half a century

This year, despite the greatly varied weather, the corn crop has turned out as good as it ever was. The crop was right on and "customer response has been good," says Bobby.

The corn season will carry through until mid-October. Bobby explained that it makes no dif-ference if you buy your corn at the start of the season or the conclusion; the flavor will remain

For those individuals who don't particularly like corn-on-the-cob, they weren't left out at the festival. The Cecchi family also grilled some of their home-grown vegetables from their 40-acre farm and served fresh watermelon. Also contributing to the feast was Bobby's own grand-mother. She whipped up her own special recipe for tomatoes in olive oil for the crowds.

Overwhelming Town Response

The Cecchi family was thrilled with the turnout for the Corn Festival. "We didn't know what to expect," Bobby told us. Because of the overwhelming town response, the Cecchi Corn Festival will become an annual event.

Although the summer months are coming to a close, it is not quite the end of farming season here in Agawam. Townspeople still can look forward to peppers, winter squash, and of course, pumpkins. Cecchi's Farm Stand will be open for business through October.

# **Funeral Director Named To Directory** Of Who's Who

Francis X. O'Brien, President of Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, was recently selected by the National Directory of Who's Who in Executives and Business Professionals for 1994.

O'Brien received the recognition for his civic involvement and contribution, continuing education in grief counseling, and sponsorships of seminars devoted to assisting families and especially the elderly

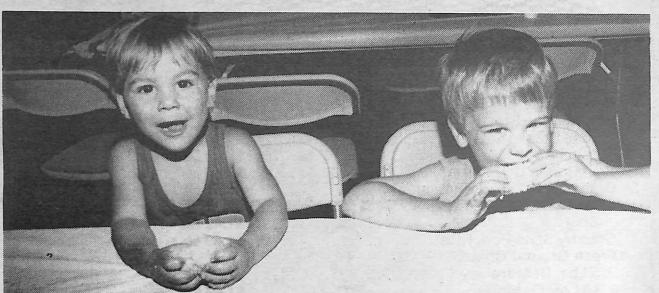
O'Brien will be speaking on September 20th at 2:15 p.m. to the West Springfield Golden Agers at the West Springfield Senior Center. The public is

O'Brien resides in West Springfield with his wife, Ellen.

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BOBBY CECCHI (center) of E. Cecchi Farms is pictured with his work crew who helped to make Corn Fest '94 a big success - Cheryl Collins, George Collins, and George Fedora. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 28. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



NATHAN COLLINS (left) and pal Stephen Liptak enjoy the delicious corn-on-the-cob found at E. Cecchi Farms during the recent Corn Fest '94. RELATED PHOTOS ON PAGE 28. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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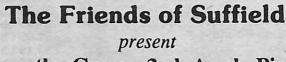


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It is imperative to review your homeowner's insurance policy annually. Upon the anniversary of your renewal, call your insurance agent to determine if it's time for a change in coverage. Although they vary, typical reasons for changing or updating your coverage are as follows:

Substantial Appreciation — Most homeowner policies will have a provision or clause to accommodate home appreciation; however, some do not. If your policy doesn't, you may want to have a new appraisal conducted of your property. If your policy does have such a clause, make sure that the automatic increases built into the coverage will keep pace with your neighborhood property values. Sometimes an area will undergo great changes that drive prices up or down.

New Security/Safety Systems — A burglar

New Security/Safety Systems — A burglar alarm system, particularly one hooked up to security service, can reduce your premiums. So can safety precautions such as smoke detectors, a sprinkler system and dead bolts on doors and windows. Depending on what is installed, premium discounts could range from two to 10

Home Improvements — A remodeled kitchen or bath, an added room or a drastically revamped bedroom or living room will naturally increase the home's value, therefore requiring additional insurance coverage. And don't limit your thoughts to the interior. If you have changed your home's exterior facing from wood to brick or aluminum siding, your premiums may decrease because your home is further protected from fire or storm damage.

New Possessions — Newly-purchased luxury items with a substantial price tag—furs, jewelry, video or audio equipment—should be reported to your insurance agent. Be prepared to substantiate the purchase with copies of receipts, appraisals (if appropriate) and sometimes, even a photograph. These items will often be covered with an additional rider or integrated into your existing policy. Just be sure they're covered.

Retirement — If you are retired, you may be eligible for a sizable decrease in your premiums. Some insurance companies offer as much as a 10 percent discount.

Home/Office — If you're following the trend of many Americans by conducting a business out of your home, be sure that all the office equipment (computers, copy and fax machines, phones, etc.), collateral materials and anything else applicable are covered. Also determine with your agent whether you need liability insurance.

Document Your Possessions — One of the best ways to show proof of your possessions is also one of the easiest. Simply videotape every room inside your home on an annual basis, with close-ups of high-priced items. Keep this videotape at a separate location, such as a friend's or relative's home, at the office, or a safety deposit box.

Again, these are a few of the more common reasons to update a homeowner's insurance policy. Taking the time now to discuss this with your agent could save you much more time and aggravation down the road. It will also give you peace of mind in knowing that if your home is invaded, damaged or destroyed, you won't be just another tragic statistic.

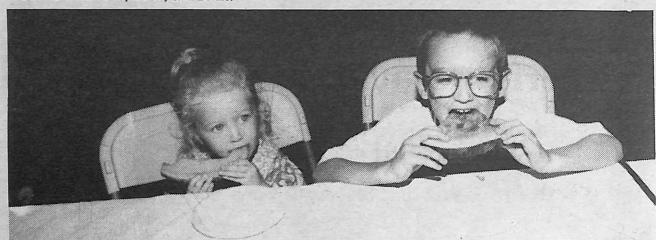
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Best local news...

## Corn Fest '94 At Cecchi Farms



E. CECCHI FARMS on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills held its First Annual Corn Fest on the weekend of August 13th and 14th. The public was invited to taste fresh melons, fried vegetables, sauteed tomatoes, and of course, corn-on-the-cob, as well as enjoy beverages, free of charge, throughout the weekend. IN PHOTO BELOW, the Uzar kids, Molly and Michael, enjoy cantelope and watermelon, respectively. RELATED PHOTOS & STORY ON PAGE 26. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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# Calabrese Boys Donate Volunteer To Help Local Open Pantry

The Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield's Community Outreach Committee recently donated materials and labor to cut an opening in the driveway curb of the Open Pantry of West Springfield. This now allows easy access for trucks delivering food and other supplies to be unloaded directly into the building, which is located at 1023 Main Street in West Springfield. Chairman Joseph Kakley of J.R. Kakley & Sons Inc. and the Community Outreach Committee unanimously approved the request of the Open

unanimously approved the request of the Open Pantry. HBA members Charles A. Calabrese and Charles R. Calabrese of Calabrese Construction Company, Agawam, volunteered their time and expertise to complete the project.

Over the past several years, the Home Builders Foundation of Western Mass. Inc. has funded projects which enabled association volunteers to construct numerous handicap access ramps and other modifications to home throughout the greater Springfield area.

To qualify for consideration, a potential project must consist of an exterior modification which should take no more than three weeks to be completed; there is a \$2,000 retail cap for supplies; and the petitioner must own the property upon which the work is to be performed. Approved projects will be based on applicant need

For more information, please contact the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield at (413) 733-3126.



Cil Long of Agawam has recently transferred to the Chicopee campus of Porter and Chester Institute in the position of Graduate Employment

Ms. Long will be involved in the job search and placement process for students graduating from Porter and Chester's six career programs.

Before joining Porter and Chester in 1993, Cil Long spent 23 years as a Personnel Consultant placing office personnel with local employers.





CHARLES R. CALABRESE (left) and CHARLES A. CALABRESE, members of the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield and owners of Calabrese Construction Company, donated their time and expertise to complete a driveway curb for the Open Pantry of Agawam and West Springfield.

# Associates Of Landry, Lyons & Whyte Finish Seventh "Better Homes And Gardens" Class

The following associates of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Co./Better Homes and Garden's recently completed the seventh in a series of Better Homes and Gardens Master Classes, "Persua-sion Power: Selling With Integrity." The course was designed to provide Better

Homes and Gardens sales associates additional ways to help their sellers and buyers achieve their personal housing goals.

The associates are Jeanne Boynton, Barbara

Breton, Sue Bruce, Michael Buscemi, Mary Campbell, Sheryl Cheney, Beth Costello, Timothy Derrig, Bridget Donato, Fran Ducharme, Linda Dupuis, Theresa Farina.

Also, Ann Gelinas, Dick Greene, Shelley Gutowski, Marianne Irwin, Frances Mell, Judy Quintin, William Roncalli, Deborah Rosenthal, Nelsa Slaughter, Rose Stanisewski, Suaznne White, and Sophie Zielinski.

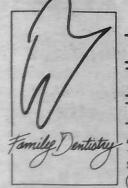
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# For Your Health



# Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell Registered Dietician

# Managing The Movie Munchies!

The smell of buttery popcorn grabs you and tempts you as soon as you walk into the movie theatre. Popcorn has a healthy reputation, but an independent study by the Center for Science in the Public Interest showed one medium movie theatre "buttered" popcorn (that's about the size of a bag of microwave popcorn - about 12 cups) contains 71 grams of fat. That's more than the average woman needs all day.

That's enough of the bad news. The good news is that now many theatres are offering lower fat popcorn. If the theatre you go to only has the high fat versions, you can still find low fat munchies in

the snack case.

The most popular theatre munchie is Twizzlers, and they have no fat! Keep this list of other relatively healthy munchies handy. Low fat can still be high taste.

Candy	Calories	Fai
(one box or bar) Good & Plenty (2.7 oz.)	255	(g) 0
Twizzlers Strawberry Strings (4.0 oz.)	375	0
Care Bears Gummi Bears (3.5 oz.) Fruit Skittles Original (2.6 oz.)	339	0
Starburst Original Fruit Chews (3.0 oz.,	22-20-00-0	8
Junior Mints (3.0 oz.)	357	7
Snickers (2.1 oz.) Reese's Peanut Butter Cups (1.6 oz.)	280 240	14
M & M's Peanut (2.6 oz.)	380	19
M & M's Plain (2.6 oz.)	360	15
Milk Duds (3.0 oz.) Raisinets (3.5 oz.)	368 440	13
Sno-Caps (3.1 oz.)	418	18
Butterfinger Bite Size (4.0 oz.)	532 528	20
Goobers (3.5 oz.) Whoppers (2.8 oz.)	368	16
Reese's Pieces (2.7 oz.)	370	16
Nestle Crunch (3.5 oz.) Almond Joy, king size (3.2 oz.)	500 460	26 26
KitKat (3.4 oz.)	500	26
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# Senior Citizens Can Receive Advice On Medicaid/Medicare

Ed Schenk, a volunteer for SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of the Elderly) will be available, by appointment, on September 7th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Providence Hospital to provide free information and counseling to seniors regarding Medicare, Medicaid, and Medicare Supplemental Insurance.

SHINE is a health benefits counseling program sponsored by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in conjunction with local Councils on Aging. This service is provided by volunteer counselors who have had intensive training in the most up-to-date health insurance and benefit option information, and enables seniors to have access to accurate, unbiased information regarding health insurance and health care options.

SHINE counselors assist elders in understanding their insurance needs, provide health insurance information, inform elders of their rights under Medicare, assess client information/assistance needs, help with claim filings, provide claims advocacy, and make referrals to appropriate agencies.

To schedule an appointment, call Lorelei Ebersold in the Financial Counseling Office at Providence Hospital, 539-2488.

Birthday Card ads are \$25 with picture; \$15 for smaller ad without picture.



VICTOR J. CARRA of Feeding Hills, senior vice-president of Westfield Savings Bank, presents a check for \$5,000 from the bank to representatives of the Visiting Nurse Hospice and Visiting Nurse Association.

# VNA Benefits From Westfield Savings Gift

"With the need for services from the Visiting Nurse Association and Visiting Nurse Hospice increasing by more than 50 percent over the last three years, it is easy to see why they need additional support," stated Victor J. Carra, Senior Vice President of Westfield Savings Bank, in presenting a check to the Visiting Nurse Foundation of Pioneer Valley.

"We are well aware of the multiple services the Visiting Nurse Organization provides to the most

"We are well aware of the multiple services the Visiting Nurse Organization provides to the men and women in Westfield and the surrounding communities which we both serve. In-home care for those terminally ill, and post-operative care for patients discharged from hospitals before completing their recovery are two of the areas that have shown growing needs in the past few years," Carra continued.

"With this ever-increasing demand for these and other services, it is readily apparent that expanded facilities are also essential. It is for that purpose that Westfield Savings Bank is pleased to add its contribution of \$5,000 to the Visiting Nurse Foundation of Pioneer Valley Caring for Tomorrow Capital Campaign," Carra concluded.

# Hypnotism Can Help You To Stop Smoking; Call Noble Hospital

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the Education Department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, Director of Education at Noble Hospital, and will consist of two sessions to be held on Wednesday, September 12th and 19th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The sessions will be held at the Education Center on 2 Mill Street, Westfield, adjacent to the hospital. The course fee is \$40.

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 572-5172.

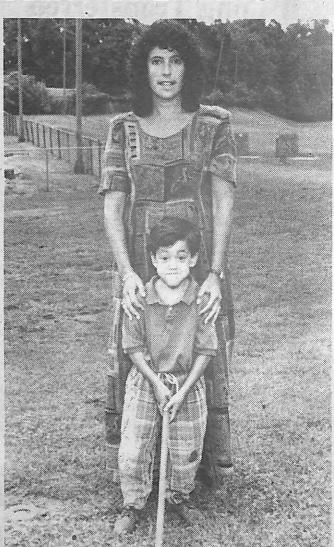
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# Free Diabetes Classes To Be Offered At **Providence Hospital**

The Providence Hospital Diabetes Education Program for the Management of Diabetes will present a series of free classes beginning September

9th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital conference room.

Topics to be covered on September 9th include the signs and symptoms of diabetes, coping with diabetes, and self blood glucose monitoring.

On September 18th participants will learn

On September 16th, participants will learn about insulin and oral drug use, plus acute complications which may accompany these

The September 23rd presentation will explore acute and chronic complications and will also include a discussion by Dr. Robert Fleischner, D.P.M., on the importance of foot care. The series will conclude on September 30th with a presentation by a registered distribution and the registered distri will conclude on September 30th with a presentation by a registered dietitian, addressing meal planning and the diabetic diet. A question and answer period will be part of each class.

Diabetes Teaching Nurse Mary Ellen Strzempko, R.N., C.D.E., facilitates the program which is open to diabetics, their families, and the public. No advanced registration is necessary.

Strzempko also oversees the hospital's blood

Strzempko also oversees the hospital's blood sugar level testing on the second Thursday of every month. The next testing will be conducted September 8th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

Participants must fast after midnight. No advance registration is necessary, and a \$2 donation is requested.

is requested.

For more information, call 539-2938.

# **Childbirth Education** At Providence Hosp.

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital will conduct a childbirth education refresher series for "experienced" parents-to-be on September 9th and 16th, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

Taught by certified childbirth educator Janet Gagnon, this series is designed for couples who will be delivering in late September, October, or early November, and have attended a complete childbirth education program within the last three

The program will review all of the basic informa-tion on labor and delivery, relaxation and breathing techniques, discussion of previous experiences, parenting issues, and information on vaginal birth after cesaraen, if desired.

Registration is required. For more information,

# Area Arthritis Support Free Prostate Exams Can Be Found At Meeting On Sept. 6th

The Springfield Area Arthritis Support Group will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 p.m., at the Springfield Elks

Lodge No. 61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield. Kathy Szafranski and Leonard Porcello, L.M.T., of the Frances Kelly Massage Therapy Assoc. (AMTA) will talk on Pain Relief Through Massage together with open Discussion and Demonstra-

Arthritis Support Groups invite people with arthritis and their family and friends to share common concerns and become better informed about this disease. Groups meet once a month, are led by trained volunteers, and are sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation Massachusetts Chapter.

Programs are free and open to the public. There is convenient parking and refreshments are serv-

# **CPR Program At Noble Hospital Open** To The Public

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (C.P.R.) on Wednesday, September 21st and 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Noble Hospital Education Center, 2 Mill Street, Westfield.

Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30.

For further information or to register, call (413) 572-5172.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at 789-0053. If Jack is out, leave message.

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# To Be Offered At **Providence Hospital**

Providence Hospital will be offering free prostate examinations on September 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., and September 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the Outpatient Clinic, located in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

These free screenings are being offered as part of Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, September

The exams are available to men ages 50 to 70

who have not been diagnosed with, or treated for, prostate cancer. Men ages 40 to 70 with a family history of the disease, and African-American men ages 40 to 70, are also eligible for the exams.

More than 200,000 cases will be diagnosed this year, and 40,000 men will die, making prostate cancer the most common cancer among cancer the most common cancer among American men over the age of 50, and their second leading cancer killer. But early detection and treatment can help save lives

According to Maureen Murphy, Nurse Manager, Ambulatory Care/ER, Providence Hospital, ap-proximately 100 men participated in the screening last year. Of these, seven tested positive and were

sent for follow-up testing.

The digital rectal exam (DRE) is the standard test for prostate cancer. The physician inserts a gloved finger into the patient's rectum and presses against the prostate, feeling for hard lumps or growths. It is simple, painless, and takes about one minute. The prostate specific antigen (PSA) test measures the blood level of protein produced by prostate seels and is contact and the duced by prostate cells, and is another aid to the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

Due to the volume of clients taking part in the screening, Providence Hospital will be unable to accept walk-ins. For an appointment, call 539-2409.

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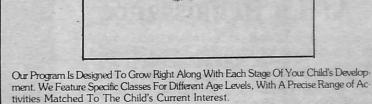


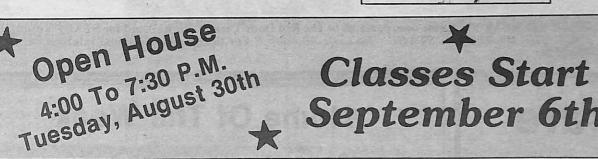
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# STAGE Summer Children's Theatre Attempts Shakespeare

Shakespeare's immortal line "All the World's A Stage" holds special meaning for young thespians from Feeding Hills, Agawam, Westfield, Springfield, Hampden, Longmeadow, Suffield, and Enfield who are participating in a two-week drama camp at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills, MA. The young actors are rehearsing an original production written by Lyle Pearsons of Suffield.

Pearsons is co-producer of STAGE (Student Theatre Arts Group Enterprises), which is in its sixth year of operation. He and Margie Secora are a duo also known as KIT AND KABOODLE PRODUCTIONS, INC., who conduct theatre camps for young people ages seven to 15.

The young actors participate in all aspects of the production, including set building, painting, costume decorating, and publicity. They learn basic acting skills as they rehearse their parts for four public performances at the end of the camp

STAGE produces six to eight shows per year. This year's summer season consisted of three original plays which Pearsons and Secora wrote for the 130 children who participated. "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE - No Girls Alloweth" is the final production of the summer and follows the dreams of a young Elizabethan girl who, after meeting Shakespeare and seeing a production of his "Romeo & Juliet" at the Globe Theatre, decides she wants to be an actress ... only to find out that the law prohibits women from performing on the stage.

The young STAGE actors have immersed themselves in the history of the times: baking and cooking foods of the period, learning to fence, dance the gavotte, and speak the Bard's words "trippingly on the tongue"

"trippingly on the tongue."

The play will run for one weekend only: Friday,
August 26th, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 27th,
at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 28th, at

All tickets are \$4 and all seats are reserved. For more information or to reserve tickets, please cal The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA at (413) 789-2026.

# "Friends In Harmony" At La Renaissance

Anyone age 12 and under interested in singing one group song for Riverside Park's "Friends in Harmony" Show on September 8th at the La Renaissance Theater in East Windsor, Connecticut, please come to a rehearsal on Monday, August 29th at 6:15 p.m.

August 29th at 6:15 p.m.

The rehearsal area is upstairs in the maintenance building at Riverside Park.

If you have any questions, please call Judy or Patti at 786-9300, ext. 3400.



DAWN BANSPACH, SHELLEY ROSE, & TIFFANY BLACKMAN study books, models, and music from Shakespeare's England. The girls are all from Feeding Hills and are participating in STAGE's production of "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE - No Girls Alloweth," which will be performed this weekend at The Red Door Theatre at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills.



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Come one, come all to The Red Door Theatre this weekend for STAGE's production of "ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE - No Girls Alloweth." For tickets and additional information, call (413) 789-2026.

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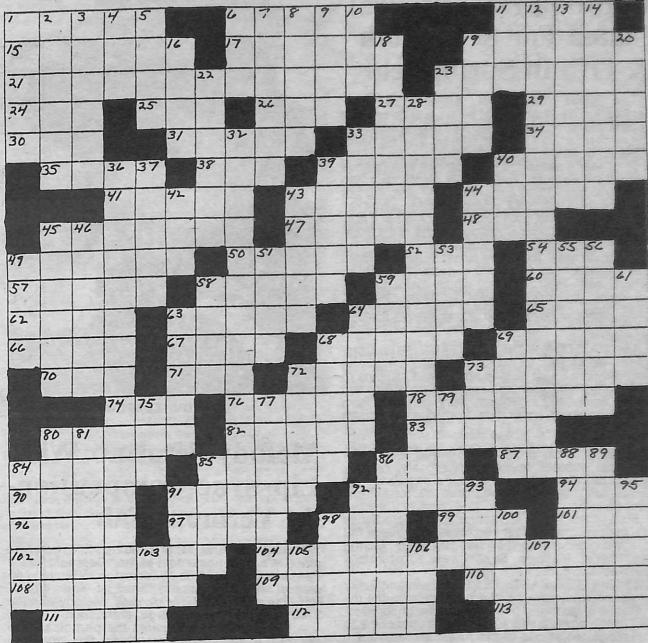
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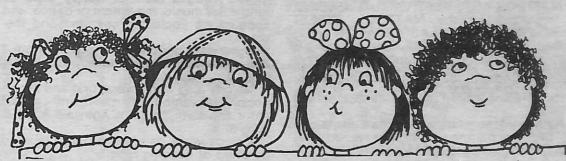
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The great MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL, celebrating its 22nd annual event, will be held (as in past years) on historic, turn-of-the-century Mattoon Street in downtown Springfield, Massachusetts

This year's dates for this colorful and famous festival are Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (rain or shine). Admission is \$2, which includes a free raffle ticket with each gate admission. Almost a hundred prizes will be awarded during the raffle drawing the closing night of the festival.

Approximately 100 of the finest selected artists

Approximately 100 of the finest selected artists and artisans from all over this nation will exhibit —and sell—their works, which will include sculpture, paintings, graphics, fibers, jewelry, calligraphy, ceramics, stained glass, hand-sewn flags, woven baskets, quilts, rugs, and fine tapestries.

The MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL'S Artist Committee works year-round to find, select, and present only the finest quality artists and artisans to participate in this annual extravaganza of arts and crafts. Some 100 exhibitors were selected from over a thousand applicants from coast to coast this year.

Mattoon Street provides a unique setting for this vast outdoor festival. This lovely, lengthy street has herringbone brick sidewalks, gas lamps, and beautifully restored Victorian row houses.

Built in the 1870's as fashionable single-family residences, the brick and brownstone houses fell into disrepair during the next 100 years. During the 1970's, Mattoon Street was substantially treatered and some alive again.

restored and came alive again.

The MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL was originally designed as a way of calling attention to the importance of restoring this beautiful neighborhood, and in the past 22 years the festival has come to be recognized as one of the finest art festivals in the Northeast.

The MATTOON ARTS FESTIVAL is a non-profit entity organized by the MATTOON STREET HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION and is comprised of a group of dedicated individuals who volunteer their time year-round to preserve not only Mattoon Street but the fine arts in general, and is a strong influence in helping to keep arts alive and well in the Greater Springfield

For further information, please call either one of the two co-chairmen, Ken Askew at (413) 734-5909, or Wally Beach at (413) 534-8242.

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MELODY SERAFINO

# Melody Serafino Wins Lip-Sync Competition At Vermont Fair

Melody Serafino, 11, of Feeding Hills, won first place in a lip-sync contest at the "Deerfield Valley Farmers Day Fair" in Wilmington, Vermont, on August 18th. Performing "Part of Your World" from the movie *The Little Mermaid*, Melody won the \$100 prize in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd. A lip-sync contest requires the participants to act out a song while mouthing the words to

A lip-sync contest requires the participants to act out a song while mouthing the words to music. Judges look for acting skiil, ability to follow the music, movement or dance, and overall appearance (including costume and the use of props).

props).
Other acts performed selections from *The Lion King*, 50's and 60's classics, and recent country hits

Melody also won several first and second place ribbons for exhibits of artwork and crafts. She will enter the sixth grade at Agawam Middle School this fall.

Melody is the daughter of Patricia and Michael Serafino of Feeding Hills.

# Lisa Baldyga Takes Over Ownership Of "Dance Arts"

Dance Arts's well-earned reputation for high quality training in classical dance will be continued this fall as Lisa Baldyga assumes ownership of the studio at 95A Mainline Drive, Westfield, from founding director, Deborah Wright Haskins.

Ms. Baldyga, a 1988 graduate of The Juilliard School, has been a member of the faculty at Dance Arts for the past five years. She is also Director of Dance at Suffield Academy, teaches staff classes at Jacob's Pillow, and teaches dance at the Hartford Conservatory.

Her performing credits include the Juilliard Dance Ensemble, Lincoln Center Institute, Jacob's Pillow, Boston Conservatory Dance Theatre, New England Dance Theater, and the Olga Dunn Dance Company. Ms. Baldyga has also studied at The Boston Conservatory, Jacob's Pillow, and the Jose Limon Institute.

Joining the Dance Arts faculty this year will be Carmen Boston, an administrator at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival and recent recipient of a Professional Diploma in Dance from the Laban Center for Movement and Dance in London, England.

Additional staff members will include Laura Soule, former member of Pioneer Valley Ballet Company, and Catherine Johnson, who holds an A.S. from Lasell College and is a former student of Ana Roje and Melissa Hayden.

# Vendors Sought For Harvest Day Festival

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's first annual Harvest Day festival is inviting local crafters to sell their creations on Sunday, October 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This one-day event will be held at Heritage Hall's campus in Agawam.

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The cost for a 12 x 12 spot will be \$15. Vendors will be responsible for designing and supplying their own display booth.

Other events planned for the day will be a haunted hay ride, a meadow muffin fundraiser, entertainment, an antique car display, a health fair, and much more.

Interested crafters may reserve a space by contacting Brenda Marsian at 786-8000 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Deadline for reservations is September 5th.

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by Louis Pisano

#### Slip "Slying" Away!

The saying goes "All good things must come to an end." So also goes the career of Sylvester "Sly" Stallone.

Since *Rocky*, this famous actor's career has slipped dramatically. For him, he's already rich so he doesn't care; but, for us, it will be surprising if he makes another explosion-less, machine gunless film where he keeps his shirt on during the whole movie.

Below are some examples of his deteriorating fame.

\* Oscar

Director: John Landis. 1991. Rated PG. 1 hour and 49 minutes. Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Ornella Muti, Peter Reigert, and Tim Curry.

Stallone stars in this farce about a crimelord who attempts to go "straight." Other than the fact that this film was a lame (and quite obvious) attempt to change the actor's image, it also seems quite unbelievable.

Oscar proves what I've said all along—that Stallone is lost without a machine gun and is further subdued by the presence of a t-shirt on his body. His acting ability is, for once, truly questioned with this miserable bomb.

ed with this miserable bomb.
You'd think that good ol' Sly would've accepted his genre as action films after such failures as Over the Top and Rhinestone proved that his knack for acting drama or comedy is nonexistent.

Sylvester Stallone fans may dislike my comments or agree with them totally. Nonetheless, this film is hard proof that Sly's *Oscar* is a character and certainly not something the actor can ever hope to win. 1 STAR. (13 years and up.)

\* Stop! Or My Mom Will Shoot

Director: Roger Spottiswoode. 1991. Rated PG-13. 1 hour and 27 minutes. Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Estelle Getty, JoBeth Williams, and Roger Rees.

Sly plays an L.A. cop who is the somewhat gracious recipient of a visit from his dear old mom. Of course, she witnesses a crime and her visit is lengthened long enough to foul up her son's endeavors.

Simplistic and mindless plot development displays this waste of time as yet another attempt by Stallone to change his image. NOT!

Come on, Sly! I'd almost rather see you blowing

Come on, Sly! I'd almost rather see you blowing away Vietnamese people again in another Rambo flick. (That was definitely a joke, folks.) Any attempt at humor is lost because of the absurdity of the casting and the childlike storyline.

In a nutshell, Rocky meets The Golden Girls just doesn't work. What Sly needs right now is to take a break from films that attempt to change his unchangeable image. Stop! Or your career is over! 1/2 STAR. (14 years and up.)

\* Over the Top

Director: Menahem Golan. 1986. Rated PG. 1 hour and 34 minutes. Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Susan Blakely, Robert Loggia, and David Mendenhall.

Sly stars as an uneducated truck driver who sets out to win a big arm wrestling tournament in the hopes of gaining the respect of his estranged son

Nothing more than a rehash of *Rocky*, except this time it's arm wrestling. The worst part of all is that this film is as boring as it sounds.

The only people who will like this film are Sly fans that are also arm wrestling enthusiasts. (Oh yes, I know so many!) Over the Top would've been a better film if it was the story of Sly's career because he has already gone "over the top" and is now in the process of making a beeline nose dive back down to the bottom! O STARS. (12 years and up.)

up.)
(WRITER'S NOTE: I want to know what you think of "Pisano's Picks On Video." Send your comments, ideas, and even your letters of damnation straight to me, Lou Pisano, in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

#### On Golden Pond Next Play For ART

Heartwarming, enchanting, romantic, and lovable are just a few of the words to describe Agawam Repertory Theater's fall production, On Golden Pond, to be presented September 30th through October 16th at the First Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Taking on the awesome task as producer, Kathy Grady is constantly on the lookout for volunteers to help on the production for this show. Bob Whitney, award winning set designer for past A.R.T. productions, is hammering away bringing to life the rustic setting for Ethel and Norman Thayer, the summer residents of Golden Pond.

Debby Kozikowski has signed on as stage manager and is working side-by-side with Director Arnold Woods to bring this quality production

To add light to the endeavor, Joel Schnur from Springfield's Encore Players has agreed to be the lighting expert, and A.R.T.'s own Carol Balthazar,

the mistress of costumes.

Be on the lookout for Ellie Reynolds, A.R.T.

Membership Chairperson and Agawam resident.

Ellie will be out recruiting new members to join this fun-filled theatrical experience.

If you'd like to help, or just want to reserve your tickets, call 786-7700.

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Ms. Baldyga is a Graduate of the Julliard School and has trained at The Boston Conservatory and Jacob's Pillow.



#### New School Bus Riders Get First Ride



FIRST-TIME school bus riders received their annual first ride and program at the Agawam High School parking lot on Friday, August 19th. RELATED PHOTO ON FRONT PAGE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

#### Ag. Junior High To Hold "Seventh Grade Orientation Night"

In an effort to welcome and familiarize incoming seventh grade students with their new school, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct a "Seventh Grade Orientation Night" on Thursday, September 1, 1994, at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high

At that time, students and parents will have the opportunity to acquaint themselves with school policies and programs as reviewed by school principal Kevin C. Littlefield and assistant principal Marc V. Costanzi prior to touring the building.

Orientation night is the first phase of a two-part seventh grade orientation program which also featuers a staggered school opening. Seventh grade students will report for their first day of classes on Tuesday, September 6, 1994. Then, all eighth grade students will join seventh graders to begin their classes on Wednesday, September 7,

In addition to a student/parent orientation night and an opening day exclusively for seventh grade pupils, the seventh grade orientation program includes placement of signs throughout the building stating teacher names and room numbers, as well as additional teachers assigned to each homeroom to assist seventh grade students with their lockers and schedules on

opening day.

Tuesday, September 6, 1994, promises to be a very busy day for new seventh grade students. On their first day of school, seventh grade students will attend a brief assembly where they will be greeted by administrators and guidance personnel, locate their homerooms, meet as many subject teachers as time allows, learn to operate lockers, and eat lunch in the school cafeteria for

#### The Children's Center **Slates Open House For** Friday, September 9th

On Friday, September 9th, The Children's Center Nursery School will hold its annual open house to acquaint the incoming students with their classmates, play areas, and teachers.

Each class will have an hour to play and socialize, allowing the parents to meet and (if necessary) form car pools.

The schedule for the open house goes as

Three-day morning class - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Two-day morning class - 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. \* Three-day afternoon class - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30

Our three-day afternoon class that meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. has several openings available.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Sue Wright at 786-1432.

#### **Agawam Schools Slate Sign-Ups** For New Students Aug. 29th & Sept. 2nd

Registration of new students will be from August 29th to September 2nd. Office hours for the elementary schools are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guidance personnel at the Middle and Junior High Schools will be available from 8:30 a.m. to

The High School guidance staff will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for registration of new students and for conferences from

August 29th to September 2nd.

Agawam schools will open on Tuesday,
September 6, 1994. At the High School, only ninth grade students will be required to attend on September 6th. On Wednesday, September 7th, all high school students (grade nine through 12) will be required to attend

At the Junior High School, only seventh grade students will be required to attend on September 6th. On Wednesday, September 7th, all junior high

school students will be required to attend. **ENTRANCE AGE:** 

The State Board of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll, and.

2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she desires to enroll.

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#### Camp Rainbow Holds Talent Show



CAMPERS AND COUNSELORS at Camp Rainbow held a Talent Show at Robinson Park. Camp Rainbow is the town's special needs summer camp. The camp concluded its summer run last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SIGN-UPS

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8-10 GIRLS

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13-15 GIRLS

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Registration Fee—Instructional - \$30.00; In-Town - \$36.00; Suburban - \$36.00. Fee includes raffle tickets.

PIRANHAS—COMPETITIVE swim team - Must be 5 years old and able to swim the length of the pool.

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Please note \*\* All leagues will be run only if registrations warrant.

Anyone interested in being involved with the A.A.A. in a non-coaching capacity, please call Bob Hersey at 786-2979.

If you have any questions, call the parks/recreation office at 786-0400, ext. 456.

We can use help on our committees, commissioners and other programs of the A.A.A.

#### Making A Difference

## Mrs. Hofmann Keeps Them Reading

by Holly Pevzner Advertiser News Staff

When the town's children head over to the Agawam Public Library, they are treated to much more than just books. Every child is greeted by the warm smile and electric personality of Children's Librarian Jeanne Hofmann.

Mrs. Hofmann has been a valuable fixture at the library for so long, it's hard to remember a time without her. Originally hailing from just over the bridge in West Springfield, Mrs. Hofmann moved to Agawam when she was expecting her first child in 1963. Now 31 years later, Mrs. Hofmann has two

grown girls and three grandchildren.

Of course, when Mrs. Hofmann moved to Agawam to start a family, she never expected what was going to happen. Before coming to town, Mrs. Hofmann was an English teacher at both the high school and grammar school levels. She had planned on taking some time off with her newborn and then resuming her teaching career.

That's not quite what happened.

"A Happy Accident"

By the late 1960's, Mrs. Hofmann had two young daughters and frequented the library with the girls. In fact, she was there so much, they of-fered her a job. "They asked if I was interested in a part-time job," explained Mrs. Hofmann. "They of-fered me the job before I knew I wanted it." She describes the whole strange turn of events as a "happy accident."

Excited by the notion of a career change, Mrs. Hofmann headed back to school. She earned her master's degree at Westfield State College and received certification in library programming. With virtually no experience as a children's librarian, Mrs. Hofmann said she "learned on the job." Her background in teaching, her experience as a mother, the remembrance of what it was like to be a small child loving to read, were a great

Looking back to when Mrs. Hofmann was growing up, she now sees some clues foreshadowing the library was in her future. "I used to play library as a child," she explained. "My mother encouraged me to read.'

As a youngster, Mrs. Hofmann relished her time with the fairy tales; Beauty and the Beast, ""Black

Beauty," and "Lassie" were her favorites. Today, Mrs. Hofmann is happy to see the same stories she treasured as a child being enjoyed by the kids who come into the Agawam Library today.

And that seems to be Mrs. Hofmann's favorite part of her job; enjoying the children. She told The Advertiser News, "I love talking to the children and connecting with them. I really enjoy and respect them."

Mrs. Hofmann's vast experience as a teacher, a mother, and a grandmother (times three) has provided her with the magical chemistry she shares

with the children. Perhaps this is because the children can tell that she is the biggest kid of all. Although Mrs. Hofmann is a grandma, she admits to always being a child at heart. "I never really matured," she confessed.

Mrs. Hofmann credits the children with maintaining her youth. "The fun part is always there. I never feel old. The kids keep me young." Mrs. Hofmann has yet to outgrow singing and playing with the kids, and she probably never will. Even after library hours, you may find Jeanne trying out her latest puppet voice on her grandson.

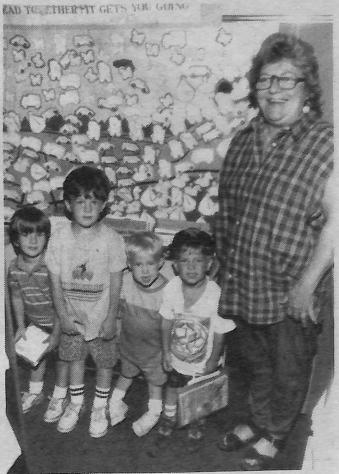
There is more to being the children's librarian than fun and games. Although many seem to think librarians simply fetch books and catch up on the latest novel, that's just not true. "I have never had the opportunity to read a book at work," explained Mrs. Hofmann.

Besides keeping the children occupied, Mrs. Hofmann has a host of other duties to keep her days filled. She is responsible for reviewing and ordering all of the materials in the children's and young adult sections of the library. She is in

ordering all of the materials in the children's and young adult sections of the library. She is in charge of coordinating all of the youth programs featured at the library; from recruiting speakers to overseeing the Summer Reading Program. Also, when dealing with youngsters, one has to be aware of the ever-changing trends in children's entertainment.

Videos, Audio Cassettes, Discs, Games, Etc. Keeping track of the latest fad is getting more and more difficult every year. When Mrs. Hofmann

SEE JEANNE HOFMANN - Page 41...



JEANNE HOFMANN, the children's librarian at the Agawam Public Library, with four of her Summer Reading Program pals -Vincent Ardizoni, Daniel Ardizoni, Joseph Leah, and Corey Roberts. Advertiser News photo by

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#### JEANNE HOFMANN - from Page 40...

began at the library, it simply lent out books. Now the library houses "every kind of media available," explained Mrs. Hofmann. Today there are videos, audio cassettes and compact discs, educational games, and puzzles (in addition to good, old-fashioned books).

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What is available isn't the only thing that has changed since Mrs. Hofmann began her stint at the Agawam Public Library. She explained how "the age span has vastly grown." She sees everybody from expectant mothers wanting to read to their unborn baby to senior citizens looking to catch up on the latest best seller.

One promising sight Mrs. Hofmann is able to enjoy daily is watching young families enter the library together. "It is such a pleasure working with families. They are becoming more interested in coming to the library."

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And the numbers show that more people, especially children, are utilizing the library. The fact that there were over 1,000 kids in the Summer Reading Program and that last year there were over 80,000 children's and juvenile books in circulation at the Agawam Library, makes Mrs. Hofculation at the Agawam Library, makes Mrs. Hofmann especially proud.

she has received nothing but positive feedback from the patrons of the Agawam Public Library. But, perhaps the most positive feedback would be the fact that Mrs. Hofmann is able to see "children" who were once in her pre-school program now in college still loving to read. To her, the most important thing is to start reading early because that will create a "lifetime reader, and that's what we want that's what we want.

Spare Time A Rare Treat
Between her busy schedule at the library and spoiling her grandkids, it's a wonder Mrs. Hof-mann can find any spare time. But on that rare oc-casion, she likes to cook and to garden. Although Mrs. Hofmann doesn't have time to read at work, at home she loves curling up to a great mystery, especially Sue Grafton. She also enjoys doing "community things."

When Mrs. Hofmann's thoughts turn to retirement, she knows that she will have more time for

all of her hobbies, but she also knows that the library will always be a part of her life. Currently, Mrs. Hofmann's mother volunteers at the library and Mrs. Hofmann is thinking about doing the same when she leaves. But, she doesn't plan on leaving too soon. She loves working with her

'The group of people we work with are really good friends. We work as a team and I am proud to be a part of that team."

#### Kindergarten Programs Slated For Town's **Elementary Schools**

The "Let's Get Acquainted!" Kindergarten Orientation and Bus Ride will be held on:

Tuesday, August 30th - Robinson Park School and Clifford M. Granger School.

Wednesday, August 31st - James Clark School and Benjamin J. Phelps School.

The purpose of the "Let's Get Acquainted!" program is to help alleviate those "first-day-of-school-jitters" for kindergarten students (and their parents!).

School principals, kindergarten teachers, members of the school staff, P.T.O. members, and parent volunteers will be on hand to welcome kindergarten students and a parent or caregiver to the school.

Five Star Transportation Inc. has donated the buses for this program. School bus drivers and monitors have volunteered their time to help make your child feel comfortable about riding the bus to school.

Parents of kindergarten students will receive further details by mail.

Please mark your calendar now and ... "Let's Get Acquainted!"



#### **Agawam High School Band To Begin** Annual Band Camp On Monday, Aug. 29th

The Agawam High School Band will begin its annual Band Camp on Monday, August 29th. Band Camp will run for four days—Monday, August 29th, through Thursday, September 1st.

The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday sessions will run from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m., with a lunch break each day; the Thursday sessions will run from 9:00 a.m.

with a lunch break each day; the Thursday session will run from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., closing with a special performance for parents.

The lunch on Monday will be provided by the Agawam High Bandparents Association. All members of the Band and Colorguard are ex-

pected to attend. Band Camp serves as an intensive learning ses-

sion for the High School Band, where much of the work needed in developing performances for the fall is completed. Band members work on new music, as well as learn basic marching techniques and drill formation for the Marching Band shows. This year, the AHS Marching Mohawks will be performing music from the popular Brodway show "Fiddler on the Roof."

Both the Band and Colorguard are open to any Assward High School student Experience on any

Agawam High School student. Experience on an instrument is helpful, but not always required. Prospective Colorguard members are also needed, and are invited to attend the Band Camp ses-

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9:30 AM: Wash Day Dodgers (3 ladies per team) 1:00 PM: Red Pin Specials 6:00 PM: Agawam Seniors 7:30 PM: 4 Ladies Handicap & 4 Man Handicap



9:00 AM: School Bus Drivers Fun League Noon: School Bus Drivers Afternoon League 6:00 PM: 3 Person Fun League 7:30 PM: Mens Industrial (4 to a team) 7:30 PM: Ladies Industrial (4 to a team)

#### WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM: Mid-Week Mixed (4 to a team) 1:00 PM: Seniors Red Pin 3:30 PM: Kids Fun - With or Without Bumpers 6:00 PM: 3 Person Mix Handicap 7:30 PM: Ladies Handicap (4 to a team) 9:30 PM: Retail Mixed Handicap (4 to a team)



9:30 AM: Mixed Morning Nuts (3 or 4 to a team) 6:00 PM: 3 Person Scratch 7:30 PM: 4 Person Handicap

#### FRIDAY

9:30 AM: TGIF AM Strikers 6:00 PM: Third Baptist Mixed 7:30 PM: Mixed-Up Handicap (4 to a team)

#### SATURDAY

9:00 AM: Junior Bowlers or Bumper Bowlers Noon: Junior Bowlers or Bumper Bowlers 8:00 PM: Moonlight Bowling - Terrific Fun 10:00 PM: Moonlight Bowling - Terrific Fun WIN CASH!!!

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THE SACRED HEART ORIOLES, the 1994 Suburban League Under 12 Girls Fastpitch Champs (14-0). Team members, front row, from left - Jamie Santos, Amanda Merola, Jessica Montagna, Dianna Distefano, Elizabeth Stieg, and Jill Gendron. Top row, from left - Assistant Coach Al Montagna, Erin Sullivan, Kornelia Moysis, Megan Roham, Mary Fiorentino, Erica Molbury, Diane Balicki, Asst. Coach Dave Rescigno (behind), Tiffany Blackman, Jennifer Lyman, Catilyn Conte, and Manager Dan Sullivan.

#### SHAA's 10-13 Girls' Softball Completes Its Best Year Ever

Sunday, August 21st ended the most successful year yet for the Sacred Heart 10-13 yearold girls' suburban fast-pitch softball team.

Agawam was represented by two teams: the Sacred Heart Orioles (14-0) and the Ladies in Red (8-5). Both teams were sponsored by the Sacred

Heart Athletic Association.

Led by manager Dan Sullivan and coaches Al Montagna and Dave Rescigno, the undefeated Sacred Heart Orioles—the division and suburban league champions—ended the year with an overall record of 18-2, finishing in second place in the Enfield (CT) Northern Lights Slow-Pitch Tournament; their only loss in this tournament came at the hands of the girls' team from Cranston, Rhode Island (rated the 10th slow-pitch team in the United States and number-one in New England) during the championship game.

The Orioles played 49 innings of softball in 48 hours, beginning with a brilliantly played suburban league championship game with the Longmeadow Lancers (9-5). Agawam won 1-0 on Friday night.

The suburban league championship game was highlighted by the two-hit pitching of Diane Balicki (12-0) and the hitting of Dianna ("Gooch") DiStefano and Mary Fiorentino, with outstanding team defense for Agawam; for Longmeadow, it was the three-hit pitching of Cathy Nowicki, fielding plays by Milly Dullea, and their team

Agawam scored one run in the bottom of the first inning. This was the winning and only run of the game. Both teams' pitching and defense took over from there

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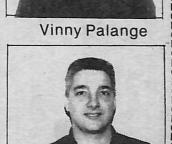
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#### **Agawam Moose Rule** Men's Softball After Beating ITC, 6-3

by Brian Colby **Advertiser News Correspondent** 

The 1994 Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League came to a close Tuseday night after the last championship game was played in Division B between Agawam Moose Club and the Italian Sporting Club (ITC).

Moose Club won the first game of the series in a 15-0 laugher; ITC came roaring back to deadlock the three-game series with an 8-3 victory in game

This set the stage for an exciting championship match played for all the marbles at Borgatti Park Tuesday night.

In the first inning, the Moose drew first blood. Joey Cabral led-off with a double. Two deep flyballs by Bill Ferguson and Dom Pisano plated Cabral for the game's initial run.

ITC accepted the challenge and after a lead-off safety followed by another by Mike Manning (runners at the corners), Steve Kelly came through with an RBI single. Power-hitting John Bonavita did the same and ITC forged ahead, 2-1.

The top of the second produced goose-eggs for

the Moose. An error put a runner on but he was thrown out going for third base on a hit by Jeff

ITC added to the lead in its half of the second. Paul Miarecki began the rally with a single. And with two outs, Frank Bonavita launched a triple to leftfield scoring Miarecki (3-1, ITC)

The Moose finally looked loose in the third. Phil Jensen started things cookin' with a base hit. And then Cabral, a long-time veteran of these summer softball wars, rocketed a triple to plate Jensen. Cabral scored his second run of the night when ITC committed a costly error. This tied the battle at three each.

ITC had a channce to again go ahead when it came to the plate. Base knocks by Miarecki and Kelly set the table, but no further damage ensued.

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#### AAN Golf Tip Of The Week... '94 Agawam High Grad The World's Greatest Golfers Share Their Keys To Mastering The Game

Compiled by Jim Modzelesky, PGA Oak Ridge Golf Club, Feeding Hills, MA

PETER JACOBSEN The 1990 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic

> "SOFTEN" YOUR ARMS TO REDUCE STRESS

Like a lot of players, I've had to find a way to deal with tension and pressure on the course, particularly when I was in contention to win. If I got tense, my swing would tend to get quick and out of control. I found that if I concentrated on keeping my arms nice and soft at address, it helped prevent that tension from ruining my swing.

One way to do this is to grip the club very lightly, barely soling the club behind the ball. Doing this helps me make a swing controlled by the big muscles of my body rather than my arms. When you let your arms control your swing, it's very easy to get into a bad tempo.

In the 1990 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, I came into the final round with a two-stroke lead over Mike Reid. Mike skied to a 77 on Sunday at the Palmer course at PGA West, but Brian Tennyson birdied 14, 15, and 16 to tie me for the lead. But when he missed a birdie at 18, he fell into a tie with Scott Simpson. As I stood on the 18th tee, I knew the tournament was mine to either win or

The 18th is a good finishing hole. It's a 250-yard par 5 guarded by a lake on the left. I had to hit a big drive to give myself a shot at hitting the green in two, but I also had to guard against hitting a hook into trouble.

I drove the ball about 290 yards, leaving myself with about 225 yards to the front and 250 to the hole. There was a crosswind and I had to hit a 3-iron off a downhill lie, which meant I had to

guard against losing the ball to the right.
As I set up over the ball, I consciously gripped the club softly to try to keep as much tension as possible out of my swing. The ball wound up about 60 feet from the hole.

I didn't have any thoughts of making the putt for an eagle. I just wanted to make sure I didn't get too cute and leave myself too much work for my birdie.

I ran the putt up for a tap-in birdie and the win.

WRITER'S NOTE: This concludes my series of Golf Tips for 1994. In these past 20 golf tips, we have entered the minds of some of the greatest male and female golfers in the world to find out what helps them to handle the pressure situations

they are confronted with on a daily basis.
Hopefully contained in these 20 tips was some knowledge that helped you, the readers, with your golf game. I think it is safe to say that if these tips can help a golf professional, the swing thought tips can certainly help your game.

Thanks as always to Ric Sardella and *The AAN* 

for allowing me to speak each week for the golf

Good luck with your golf games the rest of the season, as we still have a couple of good months ahead of us.

#### Hwang's School Set To Help Lung Asso **Through Classes**

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will be offering a Karate and Asthma Class this fall for eight through 14 yearold children with asthma.

The classes will be held at Hwang's School of

Tae Kwon-Do in Feeding Hills.
Karate is a stop and start sport, which makes it a good activity for children with asthma. A respiratory therapist will be present during the warm-up period of each class and will teach the children how to recognize their triggers, how the respiratory system works, pursed lip breathing, proper use of medications and inhalers, and how to combine sports and asthma.

Mr. Shugart, a 4th Degree Black Belt, will be the instructor, and he will award a white belt with a yellow stripe to the children at the final class.

The Karate and Asthma Class will be six sessions (six weeks) and the fee to participate will be \$75, which includes the uniform. The dates of the class will be scheduled when 10 students have

registered.
Partial scholarships may be available. For more information, please call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or 800-LUNG-USA.

# Dan Moriarty On **SC Football Roster**

After suffering through two straight frustrating seasons, including a 3-7 mark last year, Springfield College's football team hopes to make its final campaign in Division II a winning one with 16 returning starters, nine on offense and seven on

Springfield opens its 102nd season at home at 7:00 p.m, Friday, September 9th against Division I-AA Wagner College in the first meeting between the two schools since 1982.

Three Western Massachusetts 6'1" players on the pre-season roster include 170-pound freshman split end **Dan Moriarty**, a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School who starred on the 1993 Brownie football team.

After the Wagner game, Springfield hosts Division II power East Stroudsburg at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 17th. Springfield will host Division II power East Stroudsburg at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 17th. Springfield will host Division II power II sion I-AA Central Connecticut October 15th during Homecoming & Alumni Weekend, and C.W. Post October 29th as part of Friends and Family Weekend.

Also on the slate are games against Albany, Cortland, Ithaca, Trenton State, and Southern Connecticut. Springfield ends its season with the Mayor's Trophy game November 12th at city Rival American International College.

Next year, Springfield will join the Freedom Football Conference with Coast Guard, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, UMass-Lowell, Norwich, Plymouth State, Stony Brook, Western Connecticut, and W.P.I.

#### **AHS Field Hockey Alumni** To Play Saturday, August 27th

A field hockey alumni game will take place on Saturday, August 27th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Agawam High School field.

Be sure to come on out and support this worthwhile athletic event!

#### GIRLS' SOFTBALL - from Page 42...

Led by team captain Diane Balicki, the returning players were Tiffany Blackman, Mary Fiorentino, Jill Gendron, Erica Molbury, Jessica Montagna, Megan Rohan, and Erin Sullivan. The rookie players were Catilyn Conte, Dianna DiStefano, Jennifer Lyman, Amanda Merola, Kornelia Moysis, Jamie Santos, and Elizabeth

One of the team's highlights of the season was a trip to Stratford, Connecticut. The coaches and team were the guests of the Raybestos Braketts, the premiere women's fast-pitch softball team in the country. The Braketts are the holders of three Women's World and 23 Women's National ASA Championships for a double-header game

Dan Sullivan, the suburban league U-12 girls' commissioner and manager, is looking forward to having a bigger and better league next year. In the planning stages is an expanded program which includes two or more tournaments and development programs for the players. It is hoped that an expanded league will give more girls an opportunity to participate next year.

On behalf of himself and the coaches, Sullivan stated, "I would like to thank Sacred Heart Church, Father Tatro, and the Sacred Heart Athletic Association for their sponsorship and support; the parents for their commitment, help, and support of their girls and the team; and to the greatest group of girls for their commitment to the team with their time, in their play, and their love of the game. It was a pleasure to be their coach."

#### MEN'S SOFTBALL - from Page 42...

No one could know that a lone run in the top of the fourth would push the Moose into bragging rights until the late spring of 1995. Gary Sliech roped a lead-off triple and scored on Aldo Mancini's sacrifice fly.

In the fifth it was more Moose as RBI hits by Chuck Mickey and Ferguson extended the advantage to 6-3.

And unfortunately for the men of ITC, that's the way it would stand. In the sixth, ITC did threaten

but again came away empty.

And in the seventh, ITC went down 1-2-3 and the night-long celebration for the Moose began.



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#### Vicki Sleeper Memorial **Golf Tournament** Raises \$1,600

Fitness First held its second annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 13th, at Shaker Farms Country Club. The tournament, raffle ticket sales, and generous donations raised over \$1,600! The proceeds went to benefit the Greater Springfield Battered Women's Shelter & Services (in Vicki's memory) and to Vicki's two sons.

and to Vicki's two sons.

Winning the tournament was Fitness First member and Agawam resident, Joe Liquori and his foursome. Liquori was also very instrumental in helping collect raffle prizes from area businesses. Also attending the tournament was Agawam Mayor Christopher Johnson.

Vicki Sleeper was the Aquatic Director at Fitness First until her death last September caused by her husband. The staff and members at Fitness First would like to keep Vicki's memory

Fitness First would like to keep Vicki's memory alive through projects like this that will benefit other women in the same situation.

#### **MSPCA Pays A Visit** To Kids Kamp

The MSPCA (Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) visited Fitness First's Kids Kamp on Wednesday, August 3rd.

Two MSPCA representatives, Robbie and Debbie, spoke to about 40 children in the club's aerobic studio. They brought in two beautiful dogs as well as a videotape entitled "Paws, Claws, Feathers and Fins" to educate the children on proper care for animals.

During the special visit, the women discussed what kind of pet people should get and things to consider before buying a pet such as the time

consider before buying a pet such as the time needed to give to your pet, the cost in raising it, the pet's personality, and the room it will

Next, each child was able to tell what kind of pet they have. The MSPCA reps used that information to educate the kids on what specific pets need and how to accept responsibility of their pet. For the children who didn't have a pet or would like to add to their family, the women suggested the MSPCA in choosing a pet.

Many pets that are abandoned or mistreated end up at the MSPCA. After a certain amount of time, if the animal is not adopted at the MSPCA, the animal will be put to sleep. If a child wants a pet, by adopting one at the MSPCA, a life could be

Lastly, parallels were discussed between human and animal needs, such as enough air, water, and food. One suggestion was to add "people food" with the pet food for a special variety.

IF YOU HAVE DROPPED OFF any photos for the Advertiser News (sports photos, graduation photos, engagement/wedding photos, birthday ad photos, etc.), please pick them up as soon as possible. Starting in September, we will be throwing out any photos that

haven't been picked up...

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SOME WELL-KNOWN TOWN LINKSTERS who participated in the Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament. Pictured in bottom photo, from left - Andrew Campbell, Kurt Welker, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Roy Benjamin.



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#### **Permits Selected For** Quabbin's Deer Hunt

Permits for the Quabbin Reservoir's fall controlled deer hunt have been selected, with 2,336 permits drawn from a lottery pool of 3,400 hunters.

It was the highest percentage of applicants to win a permit since the inception of hunting there three seasons ago. The hunting program is an attempt to correct heavy erosion problems caused by over-browsing by a whitetail deer herd too large for the habitat to feed.

This season, an additional section in Pertersham has been added to four previously hunted areas, bringing the total hunting acreage to 40,000 of the MDC reservoir's 56,000 acres.

As in the past, permits were issued based on the last digits of the first hunter listed on the applications. If hunter one was selected, hunter two automatically received a permit for that segment

All successful applicants will be notified in writing by September 15th.

The Kittery Trading Post will be holding its 18th annual Septemberfest Celebration starting Labor Day, September 5th, and continuing through Sunday, September 11th.

Events will include hunting dog demonstra-tions, chainsaw carving, square dancing, archery and flycasting demonstrations, and the 5K road

Proceeds from this year's 5K road race will benefit the Traip Academy Athletic Boosters. Seminars will be offered to several children, and these seminars will be geared toward teaching safety and survival skills in the outdoors.

Gary Adams, the owner of the Kittery Trading Post, commented, "The huge amount of prizes given away during the fest—over \$10,000 in free prizes and 400 free t-shirts—has always been a fun drawing card.

"With the substantial, recent expansion of the sporting goods, footwear, fishing, and archery departments," he continued, "the public can expect to find a wider range of product lines that were once limited due to the lack of space."

Septemberfest hours are 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, and 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday,

The Kittery Trading Post can be reached by taking any Kittery, Maine exit off I-95.

On Wednesday night, August 17th, Bill Disisto of Agawam and I wearily pulled into the truck stop on Route 90 in New York after battling driving rain and heavy wind most of the way. Utica was three-

quarters of the way to our destination.

We planned to fish for chinock salmon on Lake Ontario. It was to be a short trip. I had made arrangements to stay at the Frost Haven Resort on Little Sodus Bay in Fairhaven, New York. Harry Levesque and his companion, Arlene, had arrived a couple of days ahead of us and were having fabulous fishing.

It didn't take us long to head out on the lake, and we were met with swells about six to seven feet deep. I contacted Harry by radio and received directions and instructions on what lures to use and where to fish.

I was told to, "Head out into 300 feet of water (which we hit six miles out) and fish 60 to 70 feet down." Bill grabbed the wheel and I set out the rigs in record time. The water was rough; one minute you are up on top of a swell, and the next

you are looking up at the water.

It was "hairy" to say the least. I told Bill, "I'll handle the boat and you handle the rods and take in the fish." If you didn't handle the boat right, a fisherman could be flipped overboard while fighting a fish.

The reel on the left side of the boat started to scream, then died. Bill reeled in the line and the spoon was gone-the chinook hit it sharply and

cut the line with his teeth. The same thing happened a little later on the other rod; 10 bucks in spoons dangling in the deep of the lake. We set up again and in 280 feet of water, the right-hand rod snapped up and the reel screamed in agony as a large fish made a mad dash to free herself.

The salmon was a diver and headed down and out, and Bill fought it all the way. I cleared the other rod and down-riggers so the fish couldn't tangle them up when it made its run at the boat (which they do nine times out of 10). This fish was no different.



BILLY DISISTO gets ready to turn his salmon into tasty steaks.

It came in fast, and Bill stayed with it by reeling furiously. Bill went down on his knees and, as I swung the boat away from the fish, it tried to go under the bow of the boat. Then it headed out about a hundred feet and sulked, running along with the boat. Finally, Bill worked it in and I netted the silvery monster. It weighed 22½ pounds.

The fish then shut off on us and we returned to harbor with one fish. The charters did well; one had 10 fish and the other eight. Harry came in with

The next day the water was different. It was choppy with a northwest wind throwing water over the bow every once in a while. We worked the same water as the day before.

We did not see Harry, but we could hear him talking once in a while. He was taking fish, as were other boats; he kept saying he was east of us, but we could not see him.

A storm worked up and I battled the wind and rain for six miles at only seven miles an hour. By the time I reached the inner bay, my arms were about to fall off.

When we docked, the cleaning tables that were near my dockage were doing a roaring business. Ninety-eight percent of the fish were caught on cut bait instead of spoons. We did not have cut bait, so we went fishless.

But, that is fishing on Lake Ontario-you never know what will turn the salmon on. It is a challenge, and I'll be back up there soon.

**Coast Guard Boating** Course To Be Offered At Barnes Airport

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Basic Boating Course will start on September 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and runs each Monday through November 21st.

It is held at the Air National Guard Base (Barnes Airport) on Falcon Drive (next to Digital) in Westfield, Mass.

It will cover boat handling, navigational rules,

piloting, marine radio, etc.
A small fee will be charged for the manual and materials. Otherwise, the course is free of charge. For details, call Charlie Brids at 567-8388 or Bart Gaugh at 569-5502.

#### Golf Tournament On September 7th To Help Center For Sight

The Friends of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind's first Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by Mercy Hospital's Center for Sight, will be held Wednesday, September 7th, with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start, at the Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

Joe Lazaro, a professional title holder golfer who was blinded during World II, is the featured

player.
Many local companies have donated prizes for Many local companies have donated by the Many local companies have donated by the Many local companies have been donated by the Many local companies have donated by the Many local companies have donated by the Many local companies have been donated by the Many local golfers. Teddy Bear Pools will give a sauna or above-ground pool, and Fran Johnson's has donated a full set of golf clubs for a "hole-in-one."

Tee and green signs may be purchased for a \$50 donation. The \$50 players' fee includes light breakfast, lunch on the course, afternoon hors d'oeurves, cart, and green fees. Call 734-7343 for more information.

Golfers may still sign up for the tournament by sending a check to M.A.B., 77 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

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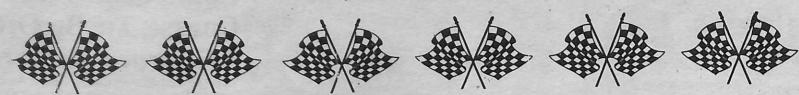
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# RACING AT Riverside Speedway

#### Riverside Speedway Has Busy Racing Schedule For Sept.

Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, Massachusetts, is having one of its most successful years ever, thanks to in excess of 135,000 race

fans having already attended the 1994 events.

The NASCAR Winston Racing Series record continues right until the end of September, with action every Saturday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. And this year, the "September Excitement" races will have NASCAR points, plus the adding of several other divisions; it's definitely going to be the most competitive month ever at Riverside Speedway!

The September events begin on Saturday, September 3rd—Labor Day Weekend—with a NAPA/Bud/Snap-On-Tools "Double Point" Show. This five-division speical features the NASCAR tour-type Mods, Pro 4 Mods, Pro Stocks, Late Models, and Strictly Stocks. With the points "heating up," it's going to be a battle for the Modified crown between Ruggiero, Kopec, Avery, Park and more Park, and more.

For this events, adults are priced at just \$14.99 each, and kids 12 years of age and under are just \$2.99. The pit fee is \$20 per person (everyone over the age of 16), and the pit opens at 11:00 a.m. on the day of the race.

On Labor Day Sunday, September 4th, it's the "Thrills Spectacular Marathon Madness Enduro" -20 death-defying events run in part, rain or shine. The event will comprise a full-size Enduro, a four-cylinder Enduro, Figure 8 races, Strictly Stocks, Pro 4, TQ Midgets, Legend cars, Mini Stocks, Super Stocks, half-ton trucks, police races, and a Demolition Derby.

Race day entry is welcome on this date. The pit opens at 11:00 a.m., with action set to begin at 6:00 p.m. Adult admission is priced at \$10.99, and kids (12 and under) are \$2.99 each.

On the following two Saturdays, September 10th and 17th, two more NASCAR point races are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m., plus the addition of three new divisions: the Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, and Legend cars.

What's more, a total of seven divisions will be running on these two evenings, including the Mod Tour for 50 laps, Pro Stocks (30 laps), Late Models (25), and Strictly Stocks (points). The pits will open at 10:30 a.m. on these dates,

and qualifying action for the aforementioned three new additions will begin at 3:00 p.m. The regular action will start, of course, at 6:00 p.m.
These events are priced at \$12.99 for adults,

and \$2.99 for kids 12 and under (a park pass is included in the price of admission). The pit fee for anyone 16 and over is \$20 each (everyone is welcome). Incidentally, Lobak mufflers are mandatory is all divisions.

On Saturday, September 24th, Riverside will host a \$5,000-to-win Enduro-an extravaganza of death-defying action in 16-plus events.

In addition to the \$5,000-to-win, full-size Enduro, there will be a four-cylinder Enduro, Figure 8 races, Legend cars, Super Stocks, Mini Stocks, Pro 4 Modifieds, Strictly Stocks, half-ton trucks, a police race, a ladies' race, a Demolition Derby, and more (this event is run in part, rain or shine).

Entry is now available for the \$5,000-to-win race ... don't miss it! The pit is open at 10:30 a.m., with qualifying action at 3:00 p.m.; at 6:00 p.m., the evening's competition will begin. (The races are estimated to be finished by 10:30 p.m.)

Adults are just \$12.99 each for this event, with kids 12 and under priced at just \$2.99 apiece (this price includes admission to the park). The pit fee (for anyone over 16 years of age) is \$20 per person.

Riverside will also run some events during the month of October, including the famous "Halloween Howler" Enduro/Demo on Saturday, October 29th.

For more information about the speedway's upcoming racing events, call (413) 786-9300, extension 3264 today!

Riverside Park Speedway's Standings (As Of August 21st)

MODIFIEDS		Sumner Chapman	148
Chris Kopec	354	Ted Hebert	142
Dan Avery	332	Rick Turcotte	120
Reggie Ruggiero	326		
Steve Park	286	LATE MODELS	
Brian Schofield	242	Gary Fioramanti	382
Stan Greger	238	Chuck Docherty	376
Richard Savary	200	Gee Perry	350
Doug Meservey	194	Ted Chalmers	310
Bobby Gegetskas	188	Fred LaForge	286
Eddy Spiers	184	Glenn Griswold	270
Tom Jensen	180	Marty Leary	234
Jim Houghton	158	Joe Czarnecki	200
Bruce D'Alessandro	154	Rocco Mazziotto	164
Brian Miller	148	Steve Fifield	162
Dave Berube	146	Rick Hartenstein	158
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PRO STOCKS		Wayne Coury	126
Dave Caruso	330	Gene McClain	122
Tom Carey	304	Mike Bushior	120
John Lobo	302	WINC Busines	
Tom Fearn	286	STRICTLY STOCKS	
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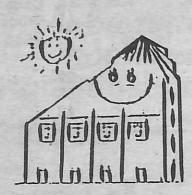


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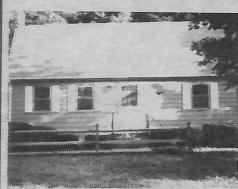


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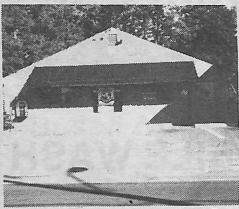
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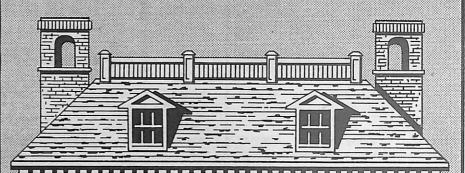
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Racing At Riverside - continued...

#### **Huge Crowd Expected** At Riverside Speedway For Busch Race Show

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some from the southern states.
Saturday's Riverside Busch Show has had one of the highest advance ticket sales in the history of the speedway for this one-day national event. During the first week of the advance ticket sales, over 1,200 tickets were sold-a NASCAR shorttrack record!

Besides the same drivers and cars that are seen on ESPN, TNN, and CBS, the event will also feature the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds, the Pro Stocks, the Stocks (some divisions feature only).

Among the drivers representing every state in the northeast are Dick McCabe (Maine), John Preston (Pennsylvania), Tom Rosati (Massachusetts), Brian Ross (New York), Barney McRae (Vermont), Mike Stefanik (Rhode Island), Stub Fadden (New Hampshire), Jerry Marquis (Connecticut), Glenn Sullivan (Long Island, New York), and Martin Truex (New Jersey).

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Heavy favorites going into this event include Brian Ross (Ballston Spa, New York), Bob Dragon (Milton, Vermont), Robbie Crouch (Vermont), Jamie Aubie (Vermont), Kelly Moore (Maine), Babe Branscombe (New Hampshire), Joe Bessay (Maine), Tom Bolles (Connecticut), and Kenny (Mallage (Pennsylvania))

Wallace (Pennsylvania).

The racing schedule this Saturday for the Scranton Pontiac-GMC-NAPA 100 event is loaded with action. The pit area opens at 10:00 a.m., with practice lasting from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. (The pit fee for NASCAR members is \$20.)

The Southgate Busch race tickets go on sale at 4:00 p.m. on race day. Admission is \$19.99 for adults, and (as always) \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. The show begins at 6:00 p.m., and it is expected to be over by 10:45 p.m.

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Don't forget, Riverside Park Speedway is running every Saturday until October 22nd. The fall format may feature seven divisions: tour-type Modifieds, SK Mods (\$1,000 to win), Pro Stocks (\$1,000 to win), Pro Four Mods, Late Models, Mini

Stocks, and Strictly Stocks.
Each Saturday evening race this fall will begin at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 12 years of age and under. The pit fee is \$20 (everyone over the age of 16 is welcome in the pit area).

Among the notable events that will take place at the speedway in the upcoming months are the September 24th \$5,000-to-win/winner-take-all Enduro (entry still available), and the October 22nd "Halloween Thrills Spectacular" Enduro.

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#### Racing At Riverside - continued...

#### Dan Avery Wins 6th Modified Race

Dan Avery has had more highs and lows than the Thunderbolt Coaster at Riverside Park Speedway. However, his sixth Modified tour race victory at the Agawam facility on Saturday, August 20th, was certainly one of those highs! Still, the success of the Budweiser/Acme Auto special event proved to be a key step in the quest for the 1994 title by the Porter/Chester team.

Tim Zambella led from the start after three cautions before lap number one was complete; these all resulted in minor spins. On lap 16, Avery pulled off a move that had them standing in the seats.

While Tom Jensen was running the inside (as a lap car became the focus point), Avery saw the opening that gave him the lead. Once in command, he never gave away the race's lead position

Fact is, Avery and Jensen pulled almost a straightaway ahead of the third-place battle. From 22nd and a race at New Hampshire International, Steve Park moved into third. Richard Savary was strong all night and finished in the fourth position ahead of Brian Schofield.

Other mix-ups in the event took their toll on frontrunners like Bobby Gee, Dave Gallo, Jim Dolan, and Bruce Dell. What's more, Jim Houghton was penalized for an altercation early on in this Modified event.

As the checker came out, it was Dan Avery (Porter/Chester Inst.) in first place over Tom Jensen (Jensen Crane), Steve Park (Brady-Sunoco), Richard Savary (Bill's Auto), and Brian Schofield (Cliff's Auto).

Sixth through 10 were Jerry Marquis (Judkins'), Doug Meservey (Citgo/Dairy Mart), Chris Kopec (Flamingo), Wade Cole (Charley's Radiator), and

Following his Modified victory, Avery stated, "It has been a good season. We have had little or no luck; still, six wins tell the story for this Porter/ Chester team. We still want the title, and tonight we gained on this one."

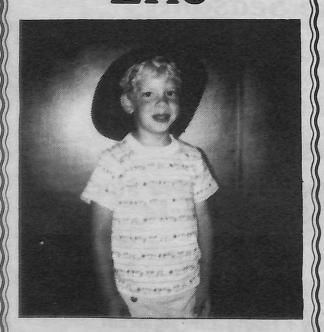
Mike Wood led for 10 laps in the Pro Stock feature until Lou Prior came from the middle of the pack to take the lead. But, on lap 24, **Tom Carey** had the power to drive low on the bottom to take the lead.

Carey was so smooth in the lead and outpowered the competition in the Joe Bean Auto Body/Mobil 9 Pontiac.

Meanwhile, Tom Fearn came from the back to finish second over Lou Prior (Mizzy), David Caruso (Bianci Reg.), and Barry Gray (Meadows Motor Car). Rounding out the top 10 were Bill Lauridsen (Bumper to Bumper), Scott Bouley (Conner/Larkins), Joe Barnes, John Lobo, and Mike Wood.

This was the third Pro Stock win for Carey, who remarked, "The car was fast all day and night. This team is first-class, and I am proud to be a part of it"

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Wayne Coury led for 16 laps in the Late Models until his engine developed a problem. Paul DiPisa then took the lead until lap 19, when **Glenn Griswold** stormed to the front to take the first-place spot; Griswold was awesome and never gave up any track to secure the Late Model victory

Second place was earned by Gary Fioramanti (Milford Auto), followed by Chuck Docherty, Gene McClain, and Joe Czarnecki. Sixth through 10th went to Ted Chalmers, Paul DiPisa, Brian Merchant, Steve Fifield, and Marty Leary.

"I think this is the best Late Model at Riverside. Gary Pelletier has helped me win so much, and the power is great. I love what it feels like to win," said Griswold.

Todd Owen took the early lead in the Strictly Stock feature, but with less than 10 laps to go, Herb Carlon came from the back to dominate the

race. As the last lap was under way, the event was marred by fluid all over turn number one.

Still, a red checker gave the win to Herb Carlon over Scott Neleber, Ed Charette, Todd Owen, and P.J. Pelc. Rounding out the top 10 were Rob Valerio, Joe Kokoszka, Roger Fujimoto, Larry Bouchard, and Joe Arena.

This coming Saturday, August 27th, Riverside Park Speedway's biggest event of the season will take place ... the Busch Grand National North Scranton-Pontiac/GMC 100—a five-division special event! (Rain date is Sunday, August 28th.)

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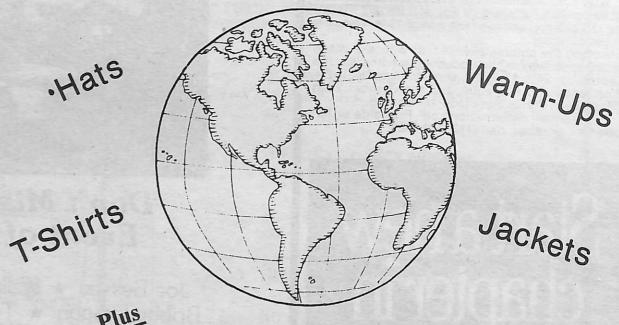
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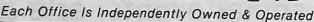
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